

*The letter below was sent by the Temple Select Board to our five top political office holders: Governor Hassan, Senators Ayotte and Shaheen, Representative Kuster and Guinta. The same letter was sent to all five in the form of a petition signed by our townspeople.*

Office of the Governor

State House

107 North Main Street

Concord, NH 03301

March 31, 2015

Dear Governor Hassan:

We are writing to ask that you, as our Governor, oppose the Kinder Morgan Northeast Energy Direct (NED) pipeline. This project will bring no benefit to New Hampshire and little to no benefit to New England. It will, however, harm our communities in southern NH.

The construction process alone will pollute our air, contaminate our aquifers, wells, and other water resources. It will destroy large swaths of conservation land and the private property of over 800 NH families, taken through eminent domain. It will crush the rural character of our towns and reduce our property values. It will harm the tourist industry in the Monadnock region, the real estate business in southern NH, and devastate the local energy efficiency and renewable energy businesses in NH with its excessive investment in more fracked gas and massive infrastructure.

Temple, as an abutter, has requested intervener status with FERC and the NH SEC. If the pipeline and its Hillsborough County Compressor Station are built next to the ROW and transmissions lines bordering Temple, as proposed, they will bring safety, health, and environmental hazards to our community and our elementary school.

This level of invasive disruption, the taking of private property, and degradation of our rural quality of life is harmful enough. To think this pipeline will end up raising our energy rates as the vast majority of gas gets exported, defies common sense! This is detrimental in every way for our communities and a terrible proposition for NH. NE does not need this much fracked gas or this overbuild of permanent infrastructure.

Governor Hassan, we need you to oppose this pipeline and we are also requesting that you work with us to stop this project.