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**To:** [Michael Behrendt](#); [Karen Edwards](#); [Todd Selig](#)  
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Dear Michael, Karen, and Todd,

I am a long time resident of the Town of Durham (2 Meader Lane), and, like my husband Paul Runcy, I am expressing my opposition to the current plans for the Eversource power line route on Durham Point Road. Unfortunately I have a work commitment on Wednesday evening and will not be able to attend the meeting on this subject, so I would like my concerns to be entered into the record via this message.

Durham Point Road has been one of my favorite roads ever since my mother moved to Durham in 1984. The beauty of our scenic roads was a huge attraction for Paul and me when we chose to settle back in Durham after he attended UNH and I returned from grad school in Austin. We have always been aware of what a privilege it is to live in Durham. But this also confers a responsibility to help preserve, not just the look of landscape, but also the health of the environment here. I agree with many others in the community that it is not appropriate or necessary to allow Eversource to remove 48 trees from Durham Point Road, nor do I think it appropriate to allow Eversource to employ their standard trimming procedures of 8 feet on either side, 15 feet above, and 10 feet below the lines. Durham Point Road is a designated scenic by-way, and this would significantly change its nature, and set a bad precedent with Eversource for other scenic by-ways. I believe there are options, such as those used successfully by non-Eversource entities on scenic roads in the White Mountains that allow for a narrower passage for the wires through the trees, maintaining more of the road's character, and having less of an impact on the plants and wildlife that surround the road.

The fact that the Town already has a settlement with Eversource is concerning. Between this activity and the potential power line across Great Bay, I have not felt like the Town is representing or advocating my point of view as a Durham taxpayer. I am deeply grateful to the community members who have been working to widen this discussion and make time for additional voices to be heard.

Thank you for considering my response to this issue.

Best wishes,

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