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Massachusetts State House Office of the Governor Room 280 Boston, MA 02133

March 17, 2016

Dear Governor Baker,

Over the past months, Eversource has introduced a reliability project in Sudbury that has drawn concerns from our elected officials, our town employees and, most importantly, our residents.

This project would run an overhead high voltage transmission line through the heart of Sudbury. The proposed transmission route will run an 115kV above ground power transmission line from Sudbury to Hudson. The proposal includes clear cutting 82 feet of trees and placing a road directly abutting 500 of our neighbors' homes. This proposal runs directly through wetlands, cuts through conservation land and will disturb the habitat of multiple species that call our community home.

This project creates an unfair burden to our community. It would decimate our environment, destroy our land and cause irreparable harm to our community. We have a duty to protect our town.

As a board, we will continue to fight for the well-being of our community. We will commit resources and funds to make certain that Sudbury remains the community we love. Sudbury is a community filled with spirit and history and a place where we respect and treasure our environment. Our community response includes concerns voiced by our Historic Districts Commission, Conservation Commission and others.

Finally, Sudbury is a place where our residents band together. As of today, over 2000 members have joined a Protect Sudbury Facebook page. Residents are motivated and



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organized and ready to do what it takes to defeat this project. We join them in this fight and will work with them to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Board of Selectmen

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Robert Haarde

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Joanne O'Leary, Eversource

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Senator Eldridge

John Laidler, Boston Globe

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