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On behalf of the Sudbury Historical Society we would like to go on record as opposing Eversource's proposal to build a transmission route of high tension wires (115K volt) consisting of 70-100 foot high tension power lines directly through the heart of Sudbury. The plan of clear-cutting a path measuring 82 feet wide through 8.9 miles of one of the most historic towns in the state is an assault on Sudbury's historic character and natural environment.

This project will forever change the appearance of the town and its residential neighborhoods where essentially everything in its path will be clear cut close to abutting homes. The route will go over Hop Brook which is listed as a major stream and river by the DEP on their Integrated Rivers List. It will cut through the Hop Brook Conservation land, as well as the Sudbury Valley Trustees Memorial Forest and the Assabet Valley National Wildlife Refuge leaving a scar in its wake. It will disturb DEP wetlands and vernal pools identified by NHESP. Herbicides are proposed to keep vegetation down. These chemicals will eventually enter our streams and rivers causing further destruction to conservation lands and wildlife.

Sudbury has maintained its historic connection back to its 1639 settlement. The town celebrates its rich history with its connection to the King Phillip Wars, to the Revolution in 1775 and its citizens' march to Concord, and to its participation in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Sudbury sent one of every 10 town residents to serve in the Civil War. Sudbury deserves better.

The high tension wires will be the equivalent as having a seven-story wall all along the 8.9 miles. It will destroy the view, the environment, the historic essence, and the town will gain nothing from this intrusion on the landscape. The proposal of Eversource is completely unacceptable and we respectfully ask that you stand with the town to prevent this plan from happening.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director