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Bethlehem Conservation Commission
Bethlehem, NH 03574

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Governor Maggie Hassan
State House
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Governor Hassan:

The Bethlehem Conservation Committee supports the Bethlehem Planning Board's protest against the Site Evaluation Committee's comments on the review of its administrative rules and its interpretation that the law's intent is for that Committee to become the State's planning and zoning authority.

We agree that the State Site Evaluation Committee should not have the power to disregard local control over projects that will have enormous impacts within the individual towns and cities of New Hampshire.

The mission of New Hampshire Conservation Commissions is "...the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and the protection of the watershed resources" of a community."

We believe that fulfilling our mission is best done by cooperating with our local planning and zoning authorities who are familiar with the needs of our town.

It would be more difficult for us to fulfill our mission if the state's Site Evaluation Committee is able to disregard local control.

We join the Bethlehem Planning Board in asking that you oversee the Site Evaluation Committee's recommendation of the Administrative Rules to ensure that planning and zoning does not become centralized.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jensen, Chair, Bethlehem Conservation Commission

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