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## Sanborn encourages stronger landowner protections

Concord, NH – Today, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee approved HB 1660, which would establish protections for landowners along proposed gas pipeline routes in New Hampshire.

Senator Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford) issued a statement following the hearing.

"While I appreciate the hard work by the Senate Energy committee and its movement to provide some first steps in establishing a framework to protect property owners against eminent domain for the construction of gas pipelines, I remain concerned that this bill would not provide sufficient protections that New Hampshire residents deserve and that was desperately needed as part of this bill," said Senator Andy Sanborn (R-Bedford).

"I look forward to continuing to work with the committee and the full Senate to enhance these protections even further so that property owners living along any proposed pipeline can take comfort in knowing that they are protected from their property being taken by eminent domain."

"The amendment passed today provides some protection should a high pressure pipeline run within 250 feet of one's home, and while it also provides for the potential of a homeowner to recoup some expenses, I believe that high pressure pipelines which force the use of eminent domain should be outlawed. No one should have the right to take someone's home away from them, and this bill does not provide that protection," said Sanborn.

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