

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

Representative James Bélanger (Hillsborough District 27) Chairman, House Municipal & County Government Committee

8 June 2018

Jamie Fosburgh, NPS, Manager, Northeast Region Rivers Program Lucy Wallace, Chair, NRWSR Study Committee Nashua River Wild and Scenic River Study Committee c/o Nashua River Watershed Association 592 Main Street Groton, MA 01450

Dear Mr. Fosburgh and Ms. Wallace:

I represent the fine people of Hollis, NH, who have spent more than a half century conserving land in town through the Conservation Commission and organizations like Beaver Brook Association and Nissitissit River Land Trust. Together these folks have protected nearly the entire section of the Nissitissit River flowing through Hollis. This March, voters at the Hollis Annual Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly to support the "Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers Stewardship Plan" and its recommendation that those waterways be designated as Wild and Scenic.

As the process turns to the United States Congress, I hope they take the time to review the study committee's work and see why these exceptional waterways are deserving of this designation.

Sincerely,

Lim Bélanger

32 Plain Road, Hollis, NH 03049 Tel 603 465 2301 <u>Jim.Belanger@leg.state.nh.us</u>

TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964