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The Honorable Paul Grenier
Mayor, City of Berlin
168 Main Street
Berlin, NH 03570

Dear Mayor Grenier:

The proposed Laidlaw biomass power plant could result in significant benefits to the economy of Berlin and New Hampshire's North Country. This investment will create construction jobs, operating jobs, support New Hampshire's timber industry, expand our state's renewable energy supply, and contribute significantly to the tax base of the City of Berlin. I recognize and support the important benefits this project represents.

As you know, the Public Utilities Commission, an independent regulatory authority, is currently holding hearings on whether the proposed Power Purchase Agreement is in the best interest of New Hampshire ratepayers. Should the Public Utilities Commission approve the agreement, I look forward to working with you to move this project forward.

Thank you for your work on this important issue, and thank you for all that you do for Berlin and for New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Lynch".

John H. Lynch
Governor