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Public Utilities Commission

I recently learned that Columbia gas plans to locate a high-pressure gas line through the Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park at The Ohio State University; and the university intends to allow it. These wetlands are among only thirty sites in the United States that have been designated as Ramsar sites of international importance because of their valuable and unique ecological features.

The potential consequences from the planned gas line to this fragile and special area are of great concern. Please reroute the gas line, and protect this special ecosystem.

The US Fish and Wildlife (FWS) service has objected to previous plans to locate gas lines through the Ohio State wetlands, and their judgment should be determinative in this case.

I object as well -- these wetlands are a local and state treasure and one of my favorite places for a morning run. Both construction and operation of this planned pipeline would have detrimental effects on the wetlands.

Thank you for listening to my concerns. The Ohio State wetlands are a gem for the university and Columbus. It would be a mistake to risk their health when this gas line can be easily diverted. Please relocate this line, and protect this valuable area.

Respectfully,

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