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To whom it may concern:

My wife and I are residents of Blue Ash, Ohio. We live within the identified danger zones for two of the proposed routes of this pipeline. At present, we are opposed to permitting for this project. Our opposition is based on the following facts:

1. The proposed routings all run through high-density residential areas.
2. The proposed routings include many places where people congregate in large numbers, including at least one elementary school and a college campus as well as churches.
3. This history of high-pressure transmission lines located in residential areas reveals the danger of such sitings.
4. The plan for locating the pipeline does not propose to reimburse property owners in the danger zone for the risk imposed on them, nor for any loss in property values due to the pipeline's location.

Why is Duke Energy proposing to run this pipeline through heavily populated areas like Blue Ash, Kenwood, Madeira, etc? It's one thing when a 1000 foot pillar of flame blows a 100 foot hole in pasture. It's something entirely different when that explosion occurs in an area with a population density of more 1000 persons per square mile. Simple prudence and risk assessment militate against such siting. There must be compelling reasons for such a proposal. Why must the pipeline be sited in residential areas?

The pink route is a particular concern of mine: it appears to pass within a few hundred feet of our home. The proposed route passes beneath (or perhaps over) a creek in the back of our property. Creeks are well-known sources of water, and water corrodes pipelines. An explosion on the order of the 2010 San Bruno, CA explosion or the April (2016) Salem, PA explosion would destroy our home if it occurred near our creek.

Finally, Duke Energy's history of pipeline operation doesn't inspire confidence. In 2012, Duke was fine \$500,000 for failure of a distribution line in Lebanon, Ohio. In March of this year, Duke was responsible for a manhole explosion in Greensboro, NC. Apparently another utility drilled into or otherwise damaged a natural gas pipeline. The resulting leakage led to an explosion.

Given these reasonable concerns, I am opposed to any siting plan that not minimize risks to current residential areas.

Sincerely,

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