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Dear Members of the OPSB,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Duke Energy proposed construction of a 30 inch, hi pressure transmission pipeline right through the heart of highly populated communities. I cannot believe that they would put the safety of many hundreds of people, businesses, many Churches, Synagogues, schools, and hospitals in such potentially devastating catastrophic harm's way.... Just for the \$\$\$ profit. Of the 3 proposed routes, the Pink route through Amberley Village will place a proposed pipeline right on my property line, cutting through mature hardwood trees, 40 -65 years old, 10 - 32 inches in diameter, destroying the rural setting, reducing property values and increasing insurance costs. If there was an event, there would be hundreds of people affected, killed, maimed. The other routes have the same issues, and one of those would still find me in the incineration zone.

I need to make one thing clear. I am NOT against transmission pipelines. I spent years in the construction and inspection of pressure vessels with the "U" & "R" stamp ratings up to 1,000 PSI. I know what can be constructed and how to do so. But, I also know the pitfalls. Inspections, application, monitoring, and hydro testing to mention a few, during the many years of the pipelines existence is problematic. Installation, welding, material specifications, all rely on the human element to do it right. NO, not just right, but perfectly right. There is enough data, history, failures on these

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pipelines, to call them what they are, a hazardous, fault laden deliverers of death and destruction if something fails and people are nearby. There is no "little defect", with these Hi Pressure lines, it is a major catastrophic event.

Those of us in the path of these propose routs are scared. Scared for the safety of our wives, children, grandchildren, lifestyles. There is no guarantee of perfect performance on this pipelinebut one. One guarantee for us in it's path. That Guarantee is YOU, the members of the siting board who have the power to move the proposed route to a rural, largely unpopulated area. I urge you, I'm pleading with you to move these routes. Put yourselves in our shoes, in the path of this pipeline for one moment. Safety for our families is all we ask.

Respectfully

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