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Subject: Opposition to Central Corridor Pipeline

The Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad St.
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to oppose an unprecedented plan by Duke Energy to build a major natural gas high pressure transmission pipeline through the Village of Evendale and other nearby communities (Central Corridor Pipeline; Case 16-253-GA-BTX). If the project proceeds as planned, portions of this 30-inch diameter pipeline will carve up residential neighborhoods, backyards, and woods, and may also run alongside schools, day care centers, hospitals, synagogues and churches. This raises numerous questions and concerns, especially given the short timeline in which the proposed routes have come together:

Safety: Duke Energy has never installed a pipeline of this size along residential and highly populated property before. This alone is a major safety concern for all potential routes, especially given the history of large pipeline accidents such as the San Bruno disaster and the most recent example outside Pittsburgh. It is unclear why Duke is unable to restrict the pipeline to larger thoroughfares and non-residential areas, or use smaller pipelines with a proven track record for safety.

Environment: Duke's plans call for a minimum 30-foot clearing in which its pipeline can be installed. Doing so in residential areas will cause irreparable damage to their respective communities, cutting through forests, destroying old growth trees, and ruining yards. As an example, one route creates a path through Park Hills Subdivision, Evendale. Duke's plan appears to disregard the homeowners wishes.

Process: Some residents in affected areas have not been notified by Duke about its plans, as apparently required by the Ohio Power Siting Board, and Duke has not published detailed route maps to its website. It seems as if this project is being rushed through the Siting Board without providing enough time for residents to educate themselves and speak out.

These are just a few of the concerns that residents have about the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project.

Sincerely,
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