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Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing to you as a property owner along one of the three proposed natural gas transmission pipeline routes being considered by Duke Energy. My husband and I have lived in Amberley Village for 20 years. In 2012, we purchased our home on Arborcrest Drive, relocating just a short distance from our previous residence where we lived for 16 years. The decision to move emerged when our daughter, born with Spina Bifida, required an orthopedic surgery that made it difficult for her to use the stairs. The large offering of ranch homes in Amberley is unique in central Cincinnati and is gaining popularity in a market comprised of aging baby-boomers. \$150,000 was spent on modifications and upgrades to improve the house and make it attractively accessible, an expense we justified as we plan to remain here for the next 25+ years. Since Amberley Village also offers the stability, safety, and convenience to downtown amenities, including top-notch hospitals, we thought our property purchase and subsequent renovation to be a sound investment.

The safety problems of a transmission line carrying the large amount of compressed natural gas that is proposed greatly trouble my husband and me, causing us to consider relocation, and will certainly scare off potential homebuyers. A fault in the line could be catastrophic and cause millions of dollars of damage and loss of life, whether through digging accidents, poor installation or natural causes.

The installation of a high transmission gas line on and adjacent to our property, will not only devalue our home because of safety concerns, but also the appearance of our home and neighborhood will be negatively impacted, losing its park-like quality. The visual and acoustic buffer that is created by the mature trees between Ronald Reagan Highway and our subdivision will be lost, greatly reducing the natural habitat of the wildlife that roams our neighborhood. We currently share our land with deer herds, fox, groundhogs, hawks, coyote, bunnies, rodents, frogs, birds, and bees that populate the heavily treed property. This inner city forest will not be replaced since the pipeline requires the homeowner to maintain a 30-foot clear line of sight.

For the above reasons and more, not to mention the disruption to our streets and the loss of privacy in our yard and home during construction, my husband and I are vehemently opposed to the proposed routes for this pipeline. The consideration of the three lines by Duke Energy appears to be strictly for their convenience and cost savings, without any consideration for the residents of the densely populated neighborhoods being affected, since other more appropriate routes are available.

Sincerely,

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