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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to formally state my opposition to Duke Energy's proposed 30-inch, 700psi gas pipeline project through central Cincinnati and other Cincinnati metropolitan areas (REF: 16-0253-GA-BTX). Pipelines of this nature have a history of failure, resulting in loss of life, destruction of homes and properties, etc. Why on earth anyone would think it is a good idea to build one of these pipelines through the middle of densely populated neighborhoods, schools, and business districts is beyond my comprehension. Common sense tells you it's a bad idea, and does not benefit the communities they claim to serve in any way. Failures of these pipelines are not a rare occurrence, they happen every year (20yr average of 43 incidents per year with fatalities according to phmsa.dot.gov). One of the proposed routes (pink) goes down my street, the pipeline would be less than 20-feet from my front door. Everyone that I have talked to about this pipeline is truly scared. This is not a "not in my neighborhood" issue, this is a "not in ANYONE'S neighborhood" issue. My house is walking distance to two schools, as well as many shops and restaurants. I know that the predicted impact to home value is a 15% reduction and my homeowner's insurance would increase substantially. I can't even imagine what the negative impact to the schools and businesses would be. I know I would not want to shop, live, or send my kids to school next to one of these extremely volatile gas lines. If you speak to anyone who lives or works in an area where the pipeline is proposed to go, their opinion is the same: We would rather have a potential brown out the future than have our lives and homes DESTROYED. I am confident Duke Energy is capable of developing of a safer way to meet the energy needs of the future, if that is even the true intention of this project. This pipeline would only be 3-feet underground. People dig deeper than three feet all of the time for various reasons and projects. There is just no way Duke can regulate the hundreds of properties and roads that this pipeline would impact and ensure that the line is not damaged, causing a catastrophic failure. Peace of mind and safety is something that we have worked and continue to work very hard to try and achieve in our communities. Don't let Duke Energy take that away from us and our families.

Regards,



Ben Breyley – Concerned Resident and NOPE Cincy Supporter

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