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To: Puco ContactOPSB <contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov>
Subject: Duke Energy High Pressure Pipeline Extension

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to ask that you make absolutely sure this pipeline project DOES NOT GO FORWARD! I am absolutely appalled at Duke Energy's total disregard for the safety and well-being of those who live and work in the heavily populated communities they serve. No high-pressure gas pipeline should EVER be routed through such densely populated areas, as has been proposed in this case. The fact that Duke has put this project on a fast-track approval process, and its unwillingness to propose a safer and more environmentally friendly alternative, is evidence of its willful disregard of the incredibly harmful impact this pipeline and its construction will have on our community. It will be far too close to thousands of homes, schools and heavily travelled roadways, endangering thousand of families and businesses. High-pressure pipelines have a regrettably horrible track record when it comes to safety, as has been confirmed time and again with a number of major explosions in recent years, caused by faulty construction and the very nature of high-pressure gas lines. There have been numerous injuries and even deaths, not to mention extensive property damage. If you allow this project to go forward, you will be failing your responsibility to protect this community. I urge you NOT TO APPROVE Duke's proposal, period. I urge you to entertain NO further proposals for pipelines anywhere in Hamilton County or in surrounding heavily populated counties in Ohio.

Please, send an unequivocally clear message to Duke Energy and the industry it represents that Ohio will not tolerate projects or proposals which put our citizens at a high level of risk, threatening our safety and the well-being of our environment and the community we call home.

Thank you for your time.

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