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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

We are writing to express our categorical opposition to the proposed high-pressure gas pipeline ("Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project", Duke Energy Ohio, Hamilton County, Ohio Power Siting Board case 16-0253-GA-BTX). Our family resides in Amberley Village, and one of the proposed routes would traverse our property. I urge the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject this proposal.

We understand the need to provide natural gas supplies to the region. However, it is unacceptable for progress to come at the immediate and potentially fatal risk that this pipeline would introduce to our community. With its direct impact on highly populated areas, it is hard for us to believe that any person could look at this proposal and think that it is responsible and well-reasoned. High pressure, high volume pipelines belong in rural and unpopulated areas, not in neighborhood backyards. The flexibility and reliability of our natural gas delivery system doesn't matter if people are killed, or homes, schools, businesses, and places of worship are destroyed by an explosion.

Duke Energy has no experience operating this kind of pipeline, and there is no track record to trust them to do so safely. Just looking at the map of proposed routes, we picture the homes, businesses, people, and schools that we pass every day in and out of these communities, and imagine the kind of disaster that could be delivered to them in the event of an accident.

In addition, we believe that the construction of this pipeline would cause unprecedented damage to the livability and local environment in our communities. Amberley Village has received a Tree City USA designation annually since 2005, recognized for its urban and community forestry program. With the large-scale destruction in trees that this pipeline would potentially cause in the village, it could potentially wreck this effort. The loss of trees on our own property, on those of our neighbors, and wooded areas throughout the proposed pipeline's course is immeasurable.

Finally, we believe that construction of the pipeline would lead to the significant loss of value for all nearby property owners. For many of us, our home is our primary investment; that being the case, this project reaches into the savings of every nearby homeowner and takes money out of our pockets. Without adequate compensation, it's essentially stealing from every home and property owner in the vicinity of the proposed pipeline.

Public comments seem to echo the same sentiment. In reviewing comments on the PUCO website, there are over 400 comments filed in opposition to this project, from a variety of neighbors, elected officials, and other concerned citizens. We did not see a single comment in support of it.

We strongly appeal to the members of the Siting Board to listen to overwhelming public comment on this issue and reject the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project proposal from Duke Energy.

Respectfully,

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