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To My City, My County and My State Elected Leadership,

I am opposed to the Duke Pipeline project as it gives great risk to our neighborhoods affected by the proposed routes: Amberley Village, Blue Ash, Silverton, Golf Manor, Wyoming, Sycamore Township, Pleasant Ridge, Madisonville, Madera, Kenwood, and more.

The "blast zone," i.e., damaged or scorched properties, from a pipeline of this size (30 inches) is 2000 feet on either side of the pipe. This includes schools, churches, and many other significant neighborhood facilities, not to speak of the houses in these high density areas! It is not only a safety risk but will surely impact home valuations and sales as well since it will have to be disclosed.

The 30-inch 720 psi pipeline is possibly the largest-flow highest-compression gas line produced in the US! **It can service two million gas customers. Ohio statewide has only 470,000 customers total!** The pipeline is being run through densely populated Ohio neighborhoods, which means that Greater Cincinnati bears the safety risk for gas customers as far away as Texas and perhaps Mexico. Ohio Revised Code requires utility companies to prove the need for improvements; the need appears to be smaller than the proposed 30-inch pipeline.

There is no engineering reason why the pipeline cannot be built in rural areas where damage would be minimized for an explosion or leak. Duke is accountable for monitoring pipeline safety, not a qualified third party as is true in healthcare, education, industrial safety, food service, barber shops, etc.

Municipalities and residents at large have never been contacted by Duke. Only property owners with land that Duke needs to buy for pipeline easements have received Duke notices. Duke has not answered any questions posed by a grassroots citizens groups that have started to keep all neighborhoods informed.

I urge the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, and the State of Ohio to use their role as the elected representatives of the residents of South West Ohio to have the proposed routed re-assessed to be more appropriate and use Rural Routes to achieve the Gas transmission goals.

Thank you!
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