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To Whom It May Concern:

We have lived in Silverton almost 10 years and were devastated to learn of Duke Energy's proposed plan to construct a high volume, high pressure gas pipeline in our community.

It is outrageous that Duke is even considering building such a pipeline in urban areas. The risk to our community's families, homes, parks, shopping areas, and meeting spaces is simply too great!

A rural route would be much more appropriate to lower the inherent risk of such a pipeline.

In addition to the danger this pipeline poses to our community, think about what it would do to our property values. Not only would current residents suffer, but the quality of incoming residents would assuredly decline—destroying our community's culture.

Moreover, Silverton's logo features the Silver Linden leaf, which serves as a symbol for our community. What would we tell our children about our community's values and character if it were to allow Duke to construct a pipeline that leads to the destruction of all vegetation within 30 feet—including our beloved Silver Lindens?

I hope our community and county leaders can and will protect our community from such an egregious mistake.

Sincerely,

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