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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board Members,

I'm writing to express my opposition to all three proposed routes for Duke Energy's Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project. I live in Ridgewood, a subdivision of Columbia Township; I would be personally impacted by the proposed "pink" line. However, I am firmly against any one of the routes being approved by your board.

While I understand the need for Duke to expand their distribution and transmission lines in order to meet increasing energy demands, I am concerned by their plan to build a high-pressure pipeline through densely populated areas of Cincinnati. Building the pipeline will destroy green spaces on private and public property, but of even greater concern is the potential for leaks and explosions once the pipeline is in place. All of the proposed routes put neighborhoods, schools, religious institutions, medical facilities, major highways, and businesses at risk. It seems like a poor choice to burden private citizens and local governments with this risk so that Duke Energy can reap financial benefits.

I urge you to keep public safety as a priority in your decision and to decline all three of Duke's proposed routes.

Take care,
Jen Lile

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