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COMPANY_NAME: Duke Energy CASE_NUMBER: 16-0253-GABTX

COMMENTS: Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

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I am deeply concerned about the proposed Duke pipeline (OPSB case #16-0253-GABTX) that would affect numerous densely populated neighborhoods. Duke Energy wants to run a massive, high-pressure natural gas pipeline directly through these densely populated neighborhoods that is also nearby to schools, hospitals, day care centers, and places of worship in the Cincinnati area.

This is an unprecedented project and a massive safety hazard. An explosion could kill or injure thousands of residents within the pipeline's path. If a blast were to occur, first responders may not be able to reach those within the 2000-foot danger zone because of intense heat from the blast. Duke is undeterred with these safety concerns and is asking communities to put their faith in a company that hasn't shown transparency in this process, until the residents and communities demanded it.

Please protect your constituents in Cincinnati by rejecting these extensions which potentially threaten our lives and our environment. Demand that the high-pressure gas transmission lines remain clear of densely populated areas and vote NO against all three proposed routes. We do not want any neighborhood to have this risk in their community. In addition, to ensure a pipeline like this does not happen in the future, please enact stronger safety protections around the inspection and placement of these pipelines. Say NO to the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (OPSB case # 16-0253-GABTX). As stewards of Ohio residents' safety — it is imperative that you vote for the safety of our communities.

Sincerely,

Valerie Louis, Ph.D.