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To whom it may concern,

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I am writing to declare my opposition for this gas transmission line. I am particularly interested in this case because there are so many reasons to decline this pipeline. The community in which this pipeline would run through is not only a suburban area, but a historic neighborhood with so much charm. If this pipeline were to be approved, it would not only tamper with such a great community... but put many lives at risk.

I encourage all members of the board to take into account the lives of all the people that would be affected if this pipeline were to be passed. Although it is easy to choose what looks good on paper, don't lose track of your moral code.

Cincinnati has become such a great place to live and a large reason for this is because of all the small neighborhoods and districts that have so much charm and safety. Please don't lose track of how Cincinnati has become what it is today.

Sincerely,

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The three proposed routes run through dense residential areas, vital business districts, and adjacent to schools and places of worship. A pipeline-related accident would disrupt the fabric of any one of the

aforementioned communities, not to mention the immediate impact your decision will have on property values and the positive momentum behind strengthening and improving the desirability of many of these communities. I do not believe that the community need for such a pipeline has been adequately explained by Duke Energy. The proposed 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. Ohio Revised Code requires utility companies to prove the need for improvements; the need appears to be smaller than the proposed 30-inch pipeline. I ask you to adhere to your mission and question whether this proposal represents sound energy policy and develops infrastructure for the direct benefit of Ohio's citizens. I believe that it does not and will not in its current form.

Duke Energy has stated that safety is their top priority. A necessary part of any safety program is thorough change management risk assessment and risk mitigation. Duke Energy cannot eliminate all the risks to the public. They can, however, minimize the risk and repercussions of an explosion or leak; I believe that any objective observer would conclude that in this case the public risk is best minimized by routing this pipeline through more remote areas. For Duke Energy to say that they evaluated thousands of routes and concluded that these three were optimal leads me to believe that they valued cost higher than safety. I think government needs to take a stand when corporate profits supersede the public's safety and benefit. I urge you to acknowledge the overwhelming local opposition to Duke Energy's proposal, recognize the negative impact of this project on urban neighborhoods, demand accountability and justification for an oversized pipeline, and request a more appropriate routing to achieve the Gas transmission goals.

Sincerely,

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