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Duke Energy is considering a proposal for the construction of a 30 inch, 750 psi natural gas pipeline to be built through our neighborhood, Sycamore Township. This pipeline is completely different from a distribution line used to deliver gas to businesses and residences. It is meant to transport gas quickly. We have asked Duke to make a solid business case as to why this is necessary, and have yet to get a solid answer. Ultimately, we believe the end game of Duke is to join this high pressure pipeline to an existing pipeline that exists in a rural area of Kentucky and extends to the Gulf of Mexico, as a way of transporting gas from the fracking fields in NE Ohio to the Gulf for profit. This theory has not been confirmed nor denied by Duke Energy. There are numerous safety concerns if this proposed line has any sort of breach. A breach of a similar line occurred recently in Pennsylvania. That event was tragic, but would have been magnified much more if it had occurred along any of the three routes Duke is currently proposing - each of which, would involve numerous schools, businesses, and residences contained in the half-mile "blast zone" if God forbid a similar disaster would occur. Beyond the safety concerns - which are, I admit, an "if" - there are very real financial concerns as well that are much more definite. It is estimated that properties within the vicinity of these routes will lose 15% or more in property value. This compounds when talking about tax revenue to the City or municipality of these residences; not to mention, these same localities would have to pay more for first responder training for a pipeline related safety event. Duke has made no commitment to residents or municipalities to try and recoup these costs. The safety concerns worry me; the financial implications are quite upsetting.