Dear Ohio Power Sitting Board,

Duke Energy wants to run a massive, high-pressure natural gas pipeline directly through densely populated neighborhoods, 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, and yet Duke is undeterred and will effectively be allowed to regulate itself.

As a resident of Pleasant Ridge with young children who attend our neighborhood schools, I am deeply committed to maintaining a safe community for all our children and residents. I am also a faith community leader and part of All Saint's Episcopal Church community. I implore you - please stop this ridiculous proposal now and protect the people who have voted for you. Demand that the high-pressure gas transmission lines remain clear of densely populated areas. 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). This is a moral issue about whether big business interests will out weigh public safety. Please keep our community safe!

Sincerely, The Rev. Jane Gerdsen Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio and Resident of Pleasant Ridge 6462 Grand Vista Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45213

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