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Ohio Power Siting Board
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 45215

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I am a resident of the neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge in Cincinnati, Ohio and am writing to express my **strong opposition to the above-referenced proposed Duke Energy natural gas pipeline.**

The three routes as currently proposed all run through densely populated neighborhoods. These routes are immediately adjacent to our beloved schools, community centers, hospitals, day care centers, places of worship, small businesses, major shopping areas and tens of thousands of homes. *This is an unprecedented project that poses a massive safety hazard, with potentially devastating outcomes should an accident occur.*

I understand that these pipelines are normally located in rural areas, so the periodic accidents have not yet caused substantial loss of life. However, the one in suburban San Bruno, CA cost 8 lives, 51 injuries and \$550 million in property damage, leaving a crater behind 6 years later. *Why are there no proposed routes in rural areas for this project? What is Duke Energy thinking, proposing a pipeline with double the CA pressures through more densely populated urban areas?*

Duke Energy has also not given any justification as to why it needs a pipeline that can serve 2,000,000 households when its monopoly serves less than 500,000 here in the southwest corner of the state. Is this in fact an interstate project for now avoiding federal regulation?

This project, as proposed, poses serious safety concerns and shows a blatant disregard for human life and the integrity of our neighborhoods. Please send Duke Energy back to the drawing board to propose a **safe alternative, justified by local needs, with route proposals built with community input.**

Sincerely,



Sylvia Cleveland

Pleasant Ridge Resident

Cc: Duke Energy

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