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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express my concerns about Duke Energy's proposed Natural Gas Pipeline extension. The proposed 30 inch diameter high pressure transmission line pipeline adjacent to residential property raises concerns about public safety, damage to the environment, and its effect on property values.

The installation of a pipeline of this size is unprecedented for Duke. The proposed high pressure pipeline will contain 720PSI. This is a major safety concern for all potential routes, especially considering the San Bruno disaster and most recently the natural gas leak explosion of a similar 30 inch pipeline in Pennsylvania on April 29, 2016.

Large areas of land must be completely cleared of trees, vegetation, and physical structures to install the pipeline. This will destroy the character of the neighborhoods. Mature trees, animal habitats, and public areas such as Summit Park in Blue Ash, Blue Ash Elementary school, and University of Cincinnati Blue Ash are all in the pipelines proposed path.

Most people prefer not to live near a known hazard such as a natural gas pipeline. Therefore, property values will decrease, homes will be more difficult to sell, and insurance premiums will increase.

I strongly urge you to decline Duke's request to build the Central Corridor Pipeline in any residential neighborhood and ask Duke to find an alternative route restricted to non-residential areas.

Thank you.

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