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Subject: Proposed pipeline in Cincinnati

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed route(s) of the Duke natural gas pipeline in Cincinnati. My objections are numerous (1) the high risk of having a large pressurized gas line in densely populated areas, particularly near The University of Cincinnati Blue Ash campus, an elementary school, and a day care center, houses of worship, etc.(2) the negative economic impact on property values and the business community, (3) the destruction of natural green spaces, (4) the environmental impact and impact on traffic in the greater Cincinnati's second highest area of office space, (5) and the fact that, contrary to Duke's claims, this large, high pressure pipeline is not designed for the sole purpose of providing the natural gas needs of Cincinnati (they have approximately 500,000 customers here), but rather is designed to carry enough natural gas for 2,000,000 customers (according to Duke) which would suggest that this is an INTER- rather than INTRA-state project to carry gas to other parts of the country.

I am confident that if this pipeline ran through the backyards and communities of the members of the sitting board that they would better understand our concerns and plight. This type of massive project (the largest of its kind that Duke has ever undertaken) does not belong in densely populated areas. The track record on safety is well documented in the news and it should be of great concern to us all, especially our elected and appointed officials who represent us.

I beg you to give this matter thorough consideration and to put the welfare and safety of our communities above Duke's economic interests.

Yours truly, (Dr.) Michael Lipson 2016 JUL 19 AM 10: 27

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