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Dear members of the Ohio Siting Board,

A high-pressure methane pipeline running through high-density residential neighborhoods? This is madness! No pipeline is leak-proof. A major leak could cause an explosion which would kill and maim many people, and even a smaller leak which would not create sufficient concentration for an explosion would cause serious health problems for many. This has already happened elsewhere in this country.

And for what? Duke has had no difficulty supplying existing customers without it. They want to be able to expand their service area (requiring more facilities and yet more pipes) in order to increase profits. Do you want to be guilty of allowing the creation of an "accident" waiting to happen in order to further increase Duke's profits? I hope not. They're already forcing Cincinnati-area customers to pay hundreds of dollars per year each to finance the ongoing replacement of their existing infrastructure. We're paying for it, but they still own it. Does their greed know no bounds?

The "orange route" is probably the most potentially dangerous, as it passes perilously close to The Jewish Hospital. But no high-pressure line carrying an invisible, toxic, explosive gas through residential neighborhoods makes sense, especially given that it would fill no existing need and serve no public good.

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