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General Tool Company

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TO: The Ohio Power Siting Board
FROM: William J. Kramer, President
RE: 16-0253-GA-BTX Duke Energy Pipeline Extension
DATE: July 19, 2016

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I am writing on behalf of General Tool Company to strongly oppose the "Green Route" being proposed for a Duke Energy Pipeline Extension. As proposed, this project would interfere significantly with operations at our facility at 101 Landy Ln. in the city of Reading, Ohio. General Tool performs precision machining, fabrication, welding, assembly, test and installation of sophisticated machines and components for the aerospace and defense industries. We were recently awarded a \$48M contract to supply aircraft launch system components for the US Navy's Ford class carrier. Our operation is currently housed in four adjoining buildings and we are just completing an 11,000 square foot addition which will take our floor plan to almost 300,000 square feet of manufacturing space. We currently employ 230 in the city of Reading and our annual sales are \$45 million.

The proposed "green" route crosses property that we own that has been earmarked for future development as our company continues to grow. Installation of the pipeline will severely limit our ability to develop the property and negatively impact our ability to provide our services to our customers.

Please eliminate the "Green Route" for the Duke Energy Pipeline Extension. Thank you for your consideration. Please keep us apprised of plans for this project.

Sincerely,

William J. Kramer

William J. Kramer
President
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