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**State Representative Denise Driehaus
31st House District**

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Ohio Power Siting Board
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To the members of the Ohio Power Siting Board:

I am writing today to encourage amending the proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). I represent the 31st District in the Ohio House of Representatives and several of the proposed routes run through my district. After many conversations with citizens of my district and throughout the region, their unanimous opinions of all of the proposed routes are those of concern and fear. I feel the need to stand with my constituents and voice my opposition to this proposal.

Remarkably, these constituents stand together and oppose all of the pipeline proposals, regardless of whether the pipeline would pass through their own neighborhood. Their message is simple: these proposed routes are too close to schools, parks, and homes, and no community deserves a pipeline of this significance going through their neighborhoods.

I appreciate that Duke Energy has delayed their decision to move forward at this time and has taken the time to host forums to discuss this with members of the communities affected. These conversations need to continue. We must continue to allow citizens to voice their concerns, but we also must come together to find a viable alternative to this proposal. A pipeline of this magnitude should not be placed in residential neighborhoods, and together we must collaborate to find a means to supply Hamilton County with more natural gas while keeping our communities safe. To be clear, my constituents stand firmly opposed to all three proposed pipeline routes. I stand with my constituents.

Thank you for your consideration, in advance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Driehaus".

Denise Driehaus
State Representative

CC: Representative Jonathan Dever, 28th House District
Representative Alicia Reece, 33rd House District

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