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The meeting on July 27 with Duke Energy and the Hamilton County Commissioners and city officials from municipalities concerned about the proposed pipeline did nothing to lessen my opposition to the project. And by the response of the commissioners and the city officials and of the hundreds of members of the public who attended, it did nothing but increase our resolve to resist this project.

Duke seems to believe that compensating property owners for loss of trees or some decrease in value would satisfy them. As a property owner directly on the pink route, I can tell you it does not. And even if it did, what about the permanent loss of that property's value? What about the permanent decrease in that neighborhood's desirability as a place to live and do business? There is a total disconnect between what is important to residents and Duke's understanding of that.

Duke admitted that residential demand for natural gas has remained at best flat for many years. How does this justify a need for the project for residential customers? Who is this really benefitting and how does this tie in with other pipeline projects by Duke and others that are proliferating all over the U.S.?

Need has not been demonstrated. Less populated routes to tie into the V-line at other points have not been proposed. Although Duke claims it can assure a safe installation and operation of this project, Duke's safety record is not stellar. Also, Duke cannot control all that can happen. A high pressure, high volume pipeline, through densely populated urban areas, that is clearly marked poses a very serious threat to public safety.

If Duke presents this project to the OPSB, I join many others in urging you to reject any urban route proposed.

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