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Dear Commissioner Deters:

**I oppose the proposed Duke pipeline in the strongest terms and I urge you to reject this catastrophic idea in general and in particular as it affects Amberley Village. My reasons are as follows:**

**1. The proposed pipeline is 30 inches in diameter, compared to a local gas pipeline of ½ to 2 inches in diameter. The volume difference is at least 15 times and can be as high as 60 times what is passed through a local gas pipeline. An explosion of a pipeline this huge would be catastrophic. The same size pipeline exploded in San Bruno, California, destroying over 100 homes, injuring 60 people and killing 4 people.**

**2. The proposed route for the Amberley Village section of this pipeline passes through a dense residential area. In particular, this area is the center of the Jewish community in all of southern Ohio, and the pipeline as it goes down Ridge Road, passes directly in front of all of the four large synagogues in Amberley, right adjacent to them and the construction would block their entrances, the route is so close. These four are**

**First, the proposed route would pass right in front of the huge and popular and heavily used Rockdale Temple (8501 Ridge Road) and the adjoining brand new and very extensive Mayerson Jewish Community Center (8501 Ridge Road) the largest complex of this sort in southern Ohio.**

**Secondly the proposed route would pass right in front of the large and historic and heavily used Isaac M. Wise Temple, the historic Temple that founded Reformed Judaism in the United States.**

**Thirdly, the proposed route would pass right in front of the heavily used Temple Shalom (3100 Longmeadow Road, at the intersection with Ridge Road.)**

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**Fourthly the proposed route would pass right in front of the large and actively used Temple Adath Israel (3201 East Galbraith Road, at the Intersection with Ridge Road).**

**It is highly improper to target the places of worship of a minority religious group. Jews in particular have been persecuted during our lifetime by dangerous jihadist elements. There can be no justification for selecting them for exposure to this dangerous pipeline (not to mention the disruption to their ability to practice their religion).**

**An example of the danger: At intervals there would be posts with signs on them stating: “ underground pipeline here.” Given the history of jihadism in the United States and in Europe, this is an invitation to a jihadist group to detonate the pipeline as an attack on the Jewish people.**

**For these two reasons, the danger of catastrophic explosion in densely populated residential area, and the focus of the proposed route on the religious places of worship of a persecuted minority group, and the vulnerability of the proposed pipeline jihadist attack, I strongly oppose the proposed pipeline route and urge you to reject it and to use your influence to make sure it does not get built.**

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