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16-253-GA-BTX

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OPSB Committee Members,

Please deny Duke Energy's request that the OPSB waive the requirements to hold another public meeting on the routes proposed in their filing on Sept. 13, 2016 and to send letters of information to all affected homeowners along the routes. Duke's request to avoid these requirements, and thus transparency and information sharing, is inexcusable. Our communities still have many concerns about the Central Corridor project and want Duke to address those concerns.

At the Duke Forum, held on July 27, 2016, Duke Energy officials said:

- "We have heard loud and clear residents' concerns."
- "We will make ourselves more available."
- "We are committed to a better job of sharing."
- "We still have work to do, to work with communities."

At the end of this heavily attended meeting, Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune said to Duke officials:

- "I want to thank you for coming tonight. It isn't easy sitting on the hot seat. However, you need to examine the process more. Why not place pipeline somewhere else along the B line? Why just along these proposed routes? Other areas along B line are less populated."

- "A local rep asked why you don't consider using the highways. I know why. The state will tell you you can't because it's dangerous." (*Affirming audience reaction here and often during his comments.*)

- "Do we need the pipeline at all? Are you going to look at trenchless technology or some other way rather than this pipeline? The state will look at the probable impact any of these routes will have. The impact is terrible."

- "Start over on this. Will you start over, scrap what you have done?"

Please do not approve the waiver Duke Energy has requested. Duke should be required to keep their promises to hold another public meeting now that the routes have been chosen as well as to inform affected homeowners of their plans.

Please listen to our appeal.

Barbara and Allan Karol

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