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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Duke Energy pipeline. The proposed route would not only personally affect me, my family, and our livelihood, but also my fellow neighbors in this area.

My husband and I bought our first house August 2015 in Sycamore Township and planned to start our family here. We saved for years to get a house and relocated from Clermont County to this area, thinking this would be a wonderful place to really start our lives. But the proposed route is set to go *directly* in front of our house, through a small residential neighborhood with two elementary schools, on Beech Avenue. We moved to this neighborhood because we thought it would be a safe place for children and pets, but apparently that will no longer be the case if this pipeline is put into effect.

I've now discovered that the "danger zone" for the pipeline is roughly 900 feet on either side, i.e. our house would be directly in that zone. This is so upsetting, as we've worked so hard over the last year to raise the house's property value and really start our lives here. If the pipeline goes into effect, our property value will plummet and where will we go? We cannot afford to just leave our house and/or sell it for less than what we scrimped and saved for years to purchase it. Regardless, we would be forced to vacate the area as we would no longer feel safe living here. Our family would be in constant danger of dying in an explosion or being harmed by demolition/construction. Many other families feel the same as we do, and a mass exodus of residents would damage this area financially and socially.

I cannot believe that I am faced with the prospect of having to find a new home, but also that you would be willing to disrupt the lives of everyone around me – children who play in the streets would be confined to their homes; the dozens of dogs in this neighborhood wouldn't be able to go on nightly walks; the laid-back vibe of this area would turn into a chaotic, post-apocalyptic nightmare.

Beyond our personal opposition, our neighborhood itself would suffer dramatically. Our street is filled with families with small children that attend the elementary schools around the corner, and hardworking people who have lived here their whole lives. Are you really prepared to take away the livelihood of hundreds of Cincinnatians? Are you really prepared to put elementary schools, churches and residential homes filled with infants, toddlers, children, teenagers, adults, elderly and pets in constant danger of being maimed or harmed during the construction process?

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We are devastated at the possibility of having to leave the home that we've come to love; we are appalled that Hamilton County, the city of Cincinnati and Duke Energy would be willing to hurt the people who literally financially support their existence; and we are saddened that our livelihood and worth to this city and community are obviously not being considered or valued.

We are both upstanding citizens with no criminal records who love this city and wanted to make it our home. Now are forced to rethink everything, after only living in this beautiful home for a year and two months. It's painful when the city you love so much and the companies you support wouldn't want to support and protect you, in turn. What's the point of even being a Cincinnati if our health and livelihoods aren't taken into consideration by those in power?

We oppose the Duke Energy pipeline expansion, and hope that you will come to see how much more damage this project will bring to our communities than good.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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