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Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

As a resident of Blue Ash and concerned citizen, I am writing you to register my opposition to Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (Reference No. 16-253- GA-BTX).

As a pediatric physician, father, grandfather and concerned citizen and resident of Blue Ash, I am writing to ask you to consider re-routing the proposed Duke gas pipeline extension into areas that are sparsely populated in order to save lives, homes, schools and businesses.

I am absolutely astounded that Duke is proposing to bring a high pressure high capacity pipeline that would put thousands of homes at risk from a potential explosion, along with schools, hospitals, day care centers, and places of worship?all to transport far more natural gas through the area than ever before. To run a high pressure gas pipeline past Sycamore High School and Sycamore Junior High School, through the heart of downtown Blue Ash and past Kenwood Towne Center, past the beautiful new Summit Park which is full of families and children, right past Seven Hills School, as well as through other densely populated areas is absolutely irresponsible!

Please consider alternatives to this pipeline. Is this pipeline truly needed? The area it serves is already fully developed. Do we need more gas capacity now and in the future? If absolutely needed, what alternate routes are available that will be safer for people, businesses, schools, homes and places of worship?

If you and your family lived near this proposed pipeline, would you be in favor of it? I doubt it.

Please use your influence to ensure that the energy needs of our region are met in a safe and responsible way.

Thank you.

Respectfully,
Eric Wittkugel, MD
Associate Professor, Clinical Anesthesia and Pediatrics University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Cincinnati Children's Hospital

This pipeline will travel through densely populated areas, including my neighborhood and will pose a danger to residences, schools, businesses and houses of worship.

Unlike delivery pipelines, this pipeline will be under up to 720psi pressure and an accident or rupture could cause injuries, death and destruction of property within a radius of 1/3 mile.

I ask you to oppose this pipeline and encourage both Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject this pipeline

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Eric Wittkugel

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