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Sirs,

Would like to congratulate Mr. Wolfenberger on his excellent and well thought out public comment (<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fdis.puc.state.oh.us%2FDocumentRecord.aspx%3FDocID%3D1c697f33-9d01-417f-a577-664c2b0d6d46&data=01%7C01%7Ccontactopsb%40puco.ohio.gov%7C5f67e72ec78f47ef5b6208d45ce1249f%7C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2%7C0&sdata=us65PveUqwqz0%2B%2Ff9wKgUUOVJz61C%2FMI36eYJolPtBw%3D&reserved=0>). Am reiterating his main points:

1. Why is the proposed pipeline routed through densely populated areas when there are far sparser areas to the east? During the day, the population of Blue Ash swells to 50,000. That's a density of 5000 per square mile. The population density of Indian Hill is 300 per square mile.
2. Why is public safety not given a more prominent position in the civil code? This is simply unacceptable and should be fixed.

Not only is the pipeline inherently risky, but the public agency dedicated to pipeline safety is woefully understaffed and is really incapable of evaluating the proposed design, the construction process and the subsequent integrity management program. We are left to the mercy of the operator, Duke Energy. While Duke claims to have all the tools in place to assure safety, there is no assurance, no public oversight of their operation. The public is exposed to the mercy of a corporation with a chequered environmental safety record.

How can OPSB possibly approve the proposed routing given these vulnerabilities?

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