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Re: Central Corridor Project
Case Number: 16-0253

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board:

I have read about and researched the proposed Central Corridor project since it was first announced in 2016. I have followed the pipeline story on the news and attended the public hearing last summer. Unfortunately, this necessary utility infrastructure project has become a circus due to politics and "not in my backyard" individuals.

The Ohio Power Siting Board Staff has already determined the need for this project. It is a shame that "not in my backyard" obstructionists and politicians are trying to undermine the established siting process that has been in place for decades. I spent 27 years as a school administrator, including serving as school superintendent, and another 12 years working with one of the largest Ohio design firms, and I find the opposition and politics in this issue appalling. I believe the uninformed, nonfactual information and innuendo circulating are just tactics that a small number of self-serving individuals are using to cloud this vital project.

The real fact is the absolute need to build the Central Corridor pipeline for local families to be able to heat their homes. The gas in this pipeline would not be going to the Gulf of Mexico. It has been stated by others that natural gas lines don't belong in densely populated areas. Pipelines must be in urban areas because that is where most customers live. I hope the residents of Hamilton County wake up and support this project for the benefit of the region and their own communities. I also hope the residents sniff out those who refuse to look at the big picture.

My final comment is that I hold a Ph.D. and I have done my homework. I'm currently battling cancer, a non-curable cancer, so I spend my time on things that are of interest to me. I am not a resident of Hamilton County, but I have an infrastructure project in my backyard as well. I am qualified to tell the truth, to do the research, and see the real meaning of this critical infrastructure project. I applaud Duke Energy for being proactive and I support the Central Corridor pipeline.

Thank you.

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