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Duke's Central Corridor Pipeline Case# 16-0253-GA-BTX is wrong for densely populated areas. It is evident that Duke is not concerned with public safety. That is why they are regulated, and why we expect you to consider what you will be doing emotionally and physically to citizens that live everyday within feet of this pipeline. Please send Duke back to the drawing board.

Ann Feldman

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March 29, 2019

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Duke's Green Route

Ms. Laurie Stevenson,

All my life I have just tried to get along with people. You obviously don't believe in this idea.

This pipeline is dangerous. It can and eventually will harm people. It is already hurting people by causing stress due to the routes Duke is forcing you to choose between. Why force this pipeline just feet from my home? This is a very densely populated area.

You know as well as I, there is more than one way to solve a problem. If Duke does need more gas for this area, have them find a better solution than hurting and destroying people and neighborhoods.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Ferguson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

James Ferguson
1407 Market Street
Reading, Ohio 45215

OPSB Case # 16-0253-GA-BTX

Laurie Stevenson, OPSB Board Member,

March 25, 2019

I am writing you concerning the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. I am against this high pressure 20 inch gas transmission line going so close to my home. I am also upset that I was never notified by Duke or the OPSB that you were considering this route. Even worse, the OPSB staff is recommending this route. If we in Reading had been as well informed as our wealthier, better educated neighbors on the Pink Line, the Green Route wouldn't even be an option now. The Green Route travels two and one half miles out of the way and travels through heavily polluted ground. To add even more insult, none of your OPSB members bothered to come to their own hearing in Blue Ash on March 21, 2019. Why don't you care about us?

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Roth". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nick Roth
1324 Market St.
Reading, OH 45215

March 26, 2019

Case #16-0253-GA-BTX

Laurie Stevenson,

I am opposed to the current routing of the Duke Central Corridor Pipeline. Our home is at 1415 Market Street, our bedroom and living room are about 30 feet from the pipeline route. We have lived in Reading almost 50 years and have many friends and relatives in our proud little city. We have always relied on our government to keep citizens safe from things like this pipeline. We did not want to testify, but felt we had to at the March 26, 2019 OPSB hearing and felt shame that not one of the OPSB Board Members bothered to be there. What happened that day goes against everything we have believed our government stood for. The People!!! We cannot believe a corporation has so much power, that it can push back the government's only true purpose, to protect her people!

All of our friends and relatives are opposed to this pipeline. Why don't you care about us? Are we expendable because we aren't rich? Do our opinions and feelings not matter? Do your job!!! Please request an objective assessment of the proposed pipeline with concern for human safety.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Justin and Ann Feldman. The signature for Justin is written in a cursive script, and the signature for Ann is written in a similar cursive script below it.

Justin and Ann Feldman

1415 Market Street

Reading, Ohio 45215

GREEN LINE

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March 14, 2019

Amy Acton, M.D.
Interim Director OH Dept. of Health
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Dear Dr. Acton:

We are writing to express our strong objection to Duke Energy's plans for a pipeline extension in Hamilton County (Case 16-0253-GA-BTX). Our opposition is based on the following points:

- Duke Energy says that the pipeline is necessary to meet rising demand for natural gas in Hamilton County, but there is absolutely no evidence to support such an assertion, nor has Duke provided any. Population in Hamilton County has been declining and is projected to continue to decline over the foreseeable future. In addition, high efficiency appliances in homes will also reduce natural gas usage over the coming years. The only reasonable explanation for such a pipeline is that it will be a high capacity transmission line to transport natural gas to destinations further south beyond Hamilton County and the Ohio border. But such transmission lines are never newly constructed in densely populated areas. They are routed through areas where the risks to lives and property are minimized.
- Even if there were such a need, routing a high pressure 20-inch pipeline through heavily populated areas is obscenely risky. Terrible accidents and explosions have occurred all too often with such high-pressure lines, and both the preferred and alternate routes that Duke is proposing would place at least tens of thousands of citizens in Hamilton County in grave danger. Our own property lies 170 feet from the proposed green route (which the Ohio Power Siting Board has recommended). This means that if an explosion occurs near our home, we would have zero chance of escaping death. The green route would also place the pipeline within 150 feet of at least one elementary school in Evendale. How in good conscience can the OPSB place so many innocent lives at risk for so little benefit to anyone other than the financial coffers of Duke Energy? If an accident should occur (and it is almost inevitable over the lifespan of this pipeline), the loss of life would be truly catastrophic. If a new pipeline is necessary to transmit natural gas across the country, then a route should be selected that would place a minimal population at risk. There are surely many other potential routes that would be much less physically dangerous and damaging to the economic health of the community than the two routes proposed by Duke. We urge the OPSB to consider alternative routes rather than simply rubber stamping Duke's ill-conceived proposal.
- In addition to the extreme danger of the pipeline, even without an accident, there will be enormous economic damage to the people who live within proximity to the new pipeline. Property values are certain to decline precipitously once a high-pressure line is installed. These losses could easily number in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to individual property owners, which is enough to send them to the brink of financial ruin or beyond. Again, how in

good conscience can the OPSB, which should be representing the needs of the citizens of Ohio, allow that to happen, solely for the sake of the greed of Duke Energy?

- Duke has stated that a new pipeline is necessary to replace and upgrade old infrastructure. If that is so, then why not simply replace existing pipelines/facilities where they are rather than add disruption and destruction where none currently exists? This to us also suggests a cover-up of Duke's real reason to construct the new line: to transmit gas to destinations further south.
- In addition to health and financial damages, there would also be enormous environmental damage with the construction of such a pipeline. Has anyone counted how many beautiful and invaluable trees would be lost and never replaced if a new pipeline is installed? Along Glendale-Milford Road alone (the green route), there are numerous beautiful oak trees that would be lost forever if the pipeline goes through. It's impossible to place a value on these trees.

Duke has not been forthcoming to the citizens of Ohio throughout this process. They do not have our best interests at heart, but only their own financial interests. Our lives are thus in the hands of the OPSB. We implore you to deny Duke's request for a pipeline extension for which there is no need and which will create such long-lasting damage and risks to health and economy. It boggles the mind that reasonable people would ever consider such a plan as Duke is proposing. The only explanation is simple greed.

Sincerely,


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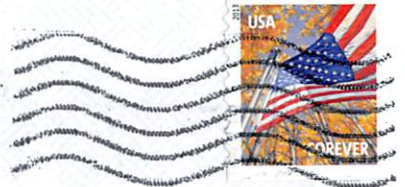


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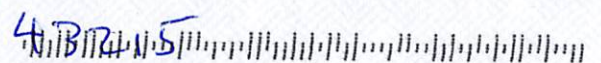
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Hello,

Our local station here in Cincinnati did a nice job getting a perspective of the Duke's proposal for the central corridor pipeline. It may be helpful to watch this as the upcoming vote draws near.

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Thanks for your time and attention!

Best regards,

Brian Kaepner

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