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COMMENTS: The proposed Duke Energy Pipeline Project in Cincinnati concerns me. Safety is one reason. The three potential routes are all located in residential/highly populated areas. I have read about several pipeline accidents in the U.S., the most recent in Pennsylvania in April 2016, where an explosion" damaged two homes, charred trees and melted a road, with the intense blaze that followed triggering waves of sound, heat and panic through the surrounding area." And that was in a more rural area than any of the three routes proposed in Cincinnati.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/local/westmoreland/2016/04/29/Emergency-crews-respond-to-gas-well-explosion-in-Westmoreland-County-pennsylvania/stories/201604290161>).

Another big concern is our environment. I recently watched an alarming documentary on PBS called "Trees in Trouble." It tells the story of Cincinnati's response to the threat to its trees posed by an invasive insect called the emerald ash borer. The cost to the communities is the destruction of trees that provide shade and other important ecosystem services. According to "Trees in Trouble" we have lost "as much as 60 percent of the tree population in some areas" from the EAB.

The proposed Duke Energy pipeline will also destroy trees. The pipeline will need to be buried three feet below the surface and there will be a need for an easement on each side of the pipeline. This means there can be no obstructions, i.e., shrubs or trees. Any existing trees will be cut down. I think that is reprehensible and irresponsible.

Certainly there are better routes that can be considered for this gas pipeline. I understand that Duke Energy is submitting their application in June to the Ohio Power Siting Board. I hope you will look into these issues and vote to decline Duke Energy's application. Thank you.

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