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To whom it may concern:

My name is Arthur Leung. I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed Duke Energy Central Corridor Pipeline Extension in Cincinnati.

I believe this pipeline would make our neighborhoods unsafe. I'm not an expert on Natural Gas pipelines, but given other accidents that have occurred in the past and the fact that ODOT will not allow the pipeline be routed along I75 or I71, I'm left very uncomfortable with the safety of this pipeline. When I was told at the Duke informational meeting that the state felt it was not safe to run the pipeline along the highway I was angered that anyone would feel it is sufficiently safe to run the same pipeline through my neighborhood. I can only imagine that this was not a safety evaluation but a financial liability evaluation.

Regardless whether the safety issues are real or perceived, and regardless if the routing is based on safety or financial liability, there is no denying that this is an undesirable addition to our neighborhoods. It will have a negative impact on our property values. My property, in particular, would be substantially impacted by the proposed PINK route. My property backs up to Ronald Reagan Hwy. Even so, the proximity of my property to the highway is not an issue because of a substantial tree buffer that isolates my property from the highway. A tree buffer that I believe will be eliminated by the installation of the pipeline. It would take decades to replace that buffer naturally. And as I was informed at the Duke information meeting, there would be no effort to replace those trees or install an artificial sound barrier to restore the lost isolation. Without that barrier, my property value will be lowered and my personal enjoyment of my yard will be ruined.

I find it difficult to believe that there are no better alternatives to solve this issue than building a 30 inch high pressure line through the center of such a dense and highly populated area. This seems like the obvious and relatively uncreative solution. My more cynical thoughts are that these are the cheaper alternatives. Again, I'm no expert, but I would imagine smart people could come up with creative solutions. Maybe northern suburbs could be supplied from sources outside the city. Maybe multiple smaller pipelines would be less impactful. Again, where are the creative people with the creative solutions?

I urge the OPSB to reject this proposed solution and encourage additional creativity to solve this issue.

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