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Dear Siting Board Members,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project, and more specifically to the proposed plan to choose a route that will run through several neighborhoods in Cincinnati and Hamilton County. After attending information meetings and reviewing the information from Duke Energy's public meetings and statements regarding this proposal, I am now more convinced than before that **all** of the proposed routes would cause a serious threat to the safety of the citizens who reside in those areas, of which I am one, and to the surrounding environment. Duke has provided **no** justification or reasons for why it needs a 30" diameter pipeline which can serve up to 2,000,000 million households when, in fact, Duke provides service to less than 500,000 households, and more importantly, why it needs to run the pipeline through heavily populated neighborhoods.

What possible justification can there be for the extra supply which would be carried along this transport line? Who will be served, where is it going, and even if it is in fact warranted, what justification can there be for running this pipeline through residential areas, which is unprecedented in Duke's history. Each of the proposed routes comes within extremely close proximity to homes, schools, nursing homes, religious institutions, and hospitals. Why did the company not suggest routing the pipeline through rural areas away from residential areas? I believe that all of these proposed routes pose a real and distinct threat to the welfare of the citizens of Hamilton County and to the surrounding environment. The catastrophic outcomes which have occured in other locations in the country as a result of gas pipeline explosions should be reason enough to deny this project as it is presently proposed by Duke. I am appealing to your common sense and concern for your fellow citizens in asking you to reject this proposal as it now stands.

Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

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