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To the Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

Over the past few weeks, there has been a hot debate about the new gas pipeline that Duke Energy has proposed to put through the beautiful neighborhood of Pleasant Ridge, Ohio (as well as several other local communities). Pleasant Ridge is the place that my wife and I call home and this pipeline has a proposed route that would be installed about 120 feet from our home.

After reading and researching about the gas pipelines that have been installed throughout the United States over the past 15 years, I have learned a lot, and do not feel comfortable with this near my home. I do not understand Duke's reasoning for the pipeline because statistics alone have shown this pipeline will be big enough to supply two (2) million people when their customers in state of Ohio are only $\frac{1}{4}$ that. I also do not understand why this must be placed through a residential community that is as densely populated as ours. Research shows that if something were to happen and the line would rupture and explode, it would level everything within an 800 yard radius.

Pleasant Ridge is a beautiful and tight knit community where everyone is always going the extra mile to help their neighbors and other community members. We have lived here for 4 years now and absolutely love it. The thought that a seemingly unnecessary gas pipeline going through our place of comfort boggles my mind and makes me seriously question Duke's motives behind it. After attending their Q&A session last night they seem to have no solid answers to many of the questions that our community residents have asked. Our community is thriving quite well without this pipeline and we will continue to do so just fine without it.

In closing, I want to thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns in this letter and hope that you will make the right decision when the time comes.

Sincerely,



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