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**Subject:** Ref: 16-0253-GA-BBTX - Resident Opposed to Pipeline

To Whom it May Concern:

As a resident of the Pleasant Ridge neighborhood in Cincinnati, I am concerned about the proposal by Duke Energy to run a high-pressure, 30" pipeline through residential areas in Cincinnati.

The current proposal would put a number of residences within the blast radius of an explosion and would run near schools and hospitals. Explosions from this type of pipeline would have a devastating impact on the communities and could result in the loss of life as evidenced by an explosion from a similar sized pipeline in San Bruno, California in 2010.

Based on a number of oil and gas pipeline ruptures in recent years, I am concerned that the inspection technology and safety procedures are not in place to prevent similar explosions of this pipeline once it is placed.

In addition to my concern about safety, I am alarmed at Duke's inability to properly address concerns from residents raised during forums on this topic and I am also concerned about the potential legal fight that Duke will endure if this were to pass since many local county and city officials have stated their willingness to fight this expansion project.

Finally, it is not clear that this type of pipeline is really required for demand within Ohio, and I am concerned that this is more likely a step towards setting up interstate expansion. If this is the case, it seems that a fully-vetted interstate plan should be review and approved ensuring that public safety is maximized rather than trying to sneak this in through back-door channels. This type of behavior erodes public trust in Duke Energy as a corporation, but also increases concerns that if approved, the oversight and inspection of this type of pipeline would not be done properly.

For these reasons, I am opposed to the pipeline expansion (Ref: 16-0253-GA-BBTX) and ask that you reject the proposal at this time.

Thank you for listening,

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