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Subject: Oppose the Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

As a resident of Amberley and concerned citizen, I am writing you to register my opposition to Central Corridor Pipeline Extension Project (Reference No. 16-253- GA-BTX).

I just Recently learned that the largest sovereign wealth fund in the world, the Norwegian Fund has through, Their Council on Ethics for The Government Pension Fund Global has in part come to the following conclusions....

Norges Bank has decided to exclude the companies Duke Energy Corp, and the wholly-owned subsidiaries Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, Duke Energy Progress LLC, and Progress Energy Inc from the Government Pension Fund Global. The companies are excluded based on an assessment of the risk of severe environmental damage.

The recommendation from this Ethics Council ran some 16 pages...

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"The Council has placed particular emphasis on a joint statement given in court,⁷ called the ?Joint Factual Statement?,⁸ which is dated February 2015 and signed by both the prosecuting authorities and a representative of Duke Carolinas, Duke Progress and Duke Energy Business Services, Inc.,⁹ and a settlement, Settlement Agreement,¹⁰ between Duke and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dated 29 September 2015. The February 2015 statement is the basis for the plea bargain entered into at the district court in North Carolina and for the determination of fines and damages."

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"The companies have in a number of cases rejected internal and external warnings and demands to act. Such failures led, among other things, to the major discharges at Dan River and Cape Fear. The Council finds that the companies have had repeated opportunities to act in these cases. The companies have also known about the serious risk of accidents and illegalities but have nonetheless not implemented the necessary measures. The overall information that the Council has available indicates that the companies have relatively often evaded or opposed environmental regulations. To the Council, it appears that the breaches of norms and laws are not just isolated or random individual events but instead speak of a wider pattern of action."

This pipeline will travel through densely populated areas, including my neighborhood and will pose a danger to residences, schools, businesses and houses of worship.

Unlike delivery pipelines, this pipeline will be under up to 720psi pressure and an accident or rupture could cause injuries, death and destruction of property within a radius of 1/3 mile.

I ask you to oppose this pipeline and encourage both Duke Energy and the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject this pipeline

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Colin Driscoll

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