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The Fox Hill Neighborhood Association of 26 home owners on Fox Hill Lane in Madeira OH object to the pipeline application submitted by Duke Energy for the central corridor of Hamilton County. We are proud homeowners in Madeira OH where we pay above local market rates for a quiet community and excellent schools. Our commitment to our community is high. We believe that Madeira is a great community which is often listed as one of the best places to live in Ohio. A high pressure pipeline on or near our property will have a negative impact on our community and create a dangerous environment for our children and citizens. We attended the community forum in the Sharonville Convention Center and listened to Duke Energy executives list the reasons that the central pipeline is necessary. No one denied that one reason will be to create a pipeline super highway transporting gas from northern Ohio to southern states and beyond. The Hamilton County representatives dispute the need for the pipeline as do we. We found it to be troubling that the location for the pipeline will be determined by the smallest voice at the table. For instance, Blue Ash and Amberley Village were well represented objecting to the pipeline in the yet to be built, but highly invested airport property or the tree-lined streets. The revised routes now bypass those areas. Of course, the least dense area of Indian Hill was never up for consideration. Madeira city representatives sat passively in their chairs during the forum. Therefore, the new first choice for the pipeline is now in the lower price homes in Blue Ash and the wonderful yet western part of Madeira. At the forum, the Duke representatives were asked if they had completed a study on the property values of homes after a pressurized pipeline has been

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installed nearby. The Duke representatives stated that they did not. Of course, we know that the answer will be that property values decline because new home buyers will not choose to live near a dangerous pressurized pipeline. You can buy a nice house at a low price in West Chester OH if you want a pipeline in your back yard. Homeowners directly affected by the pipeline will receive a small amount of compensation for the right of way, but neighbors nearby will not receive compensation for loss of property values. We understand the blast area damage if an unfortunate leaks occurs. IF the pipeline is necessary to retire existing equipment, we believe that it should be routed through existing rights of ways such as highway or rail lines through the least dense area including rural land. Of course, the expense will be passed on to therate payers that object to the pipeline. Shareholders of Duke Energy profit while those in the way of the pipeline lose home value and quiet enjoyment of their community. The Fox Hill Neighborhood Association will meet on October 16. We are happy to show your representatives our neighborhood and be available for testimony during that time or at any time convenient to the Siting Board. Thank you, Karen Palatchi 6841 Fox Hill Lane Madeira OH 45236 513.260.6626