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STILL BEING PLACED IN HIGHLY POPULATED AREAS -
AS WELL AS DUKE'S THREAT OF "EMINENT DOMAIN".

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Ohio Power Siting Board
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

September 27, 2016

RE: Case 16-253-GA-BTX

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board

I am writing to call your attention to the serious concerns about the recently announced pipeline routes that were listed in The Cincinnati Enquirer newspaper on September 14, 2016.

This statement concerns the property located at the corner of GLENDALE-MILFORD Road and WOODLEIGH LANE. The house address is 4000 *Glendale-Milford Road*. As previously stated in an earlier letter the property owner is a 90 year old widow, Mrs. Eileen Strickland. I am her son Steve. I have my Mother's *Power of Attorney*. 4 years ago Mother had a catastrophic illness. She was bed-ridden for a year and had to learn to walk again. She has lived in her home for 30 years. I live with my Mother so I can help her maintain her home and property do the driving, grocery shopping and so forth.

With the recent release of the Duke Pipeline routes and its reduction of pipe size, from a 30 inch to a 20 inch with 400 PSI natural gas instead of the 600 PSI, the serious risks and the very dangerous situation that this implies is still unacceptable for our densely populated suburban neighborhoods. Per the article "*Is your home on Duke Energy's chosen pipeline routes?*" By Carrie Blackmore Smith; she quotes *Jim Henning*, President Energy Ohio and Kentucky...

"Duke Officials hope to gain approval and begin construction next summer, completing the project in the fall of 2018. Those owning property along the preferred and alternative lines can expect Duke to soon come knocking to begin discussing easements."

"Our preferred option is work with the community and residents to try to obtain the right of ways in a manner that would not lead us to eminent domain," Henning said. "That is a final option, but it is afforded to the utility company."

Is this the standard operating procedure for the rightful owners to be threatened into compliance? What Duke is proposing to do is the creation of a potentially dangerous and life treating addition to our neighborhoods. The thought of what could happen if the the natural gas at 400 PSI would erupt, in these neighborhoods, is beyond description. Is this the concern Duke Energy has for its customers? Comply or else we will steal your land and endanger you and your property regardless of the danger to you or to your property?

Another quote from the article... "I sincerely commend Duke for showing that they are listening, but they need to listen a little harder," Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld said. "A potential high-risk project like this, even when reduced in scale, still shouldn't be running alongside our homes, schools, churches and hospitals. ... Our advocacy to protect our families and neighborhoods will continue."

As stated in an earlier letter,

Late this past February, I was doing yard work in her front yard when DUKE employees were surveying GLENDALE-MILFORD. When it came time to access my Mother's property the DUKE employee (standing on the side walk in front of 4000 GLENDALE-MILFORD Road and holding some form of surveyor's staff) started to communicate loudly (to be heard over the traffic) to the other employee in the truck. He was so loud that I could hear every word spoken.

As soon as the man on the ground was situated in front of 4000 GLENDALE-MILFORD Road, he yelled to the other person in the truck... "This isn't going to work. It's a hill" There was no response from the man in the truck. The ground employee repeated himself... "It isn't going to work. It's a hill". Finally the man in the truck responded... "We have to survey it anyway".

The front yard consists of a steep narrow slope that runs the length of the property. It varies in height from approximately 5 feet to 30 – 40 feet. It is more of a sharp incline than a hill. It is so steep that it is useless to plant ground cover. Bushes and trees are planted to use their roots to prevent erosion. You cannot walk on this. You literally have to use your hands and knees in some places to try to ascend this thing.

The property is a shot-gun lot and the house is situated off center of the quarter acre. The land's slope is uneven and eventually levels out literally at the area in front of the front door. There is an uneven slope to the yard that worsens as it nears the end of the property going toward Plainfield Road.

I was informed at the meeting of March 22, 2016 that you need approximately 50 feet from a house or structure. At this point you would be approximately at the arch of the slope grade. The only flat area of the property is literally just feet from the house; and the thought of a 20 inch pipe with thousands of cubic feet of natural gas at 400 PSI flowing under great pressure literally in front of her 1941 Wooden SaltBox Cape Cod is horrifying.

My concern, for my Mother, her safety and property is paramount. But please note that along with this being a heavily populated neighborhood, a grade school, *Evendale Elementary School* in the pipeline' direct path. **The address is located on Alternate route GREEN 3.**

Sincerely,
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