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As a resident of Union County and an economic developer in the Columbus region, I am concerned that the Marysville Connector does not provide a long-term natural gas capacity solution to existing and prospective businesses and developers in Union County. In particular, the proposal does not provide gas capacity to the western part of Union County as well as other neighboring counties that are interconnected with Union County economically. Union County is one of the fastest growing counties in Ohio, yet its growth is potentially jeopardized by our lack of natural gas supply. Honda employs 10,000 people in Union and Logan Counties with numerous suppliers located in Union, Logan and Champaign Counties. It is imperative that we find a way to provide more natural gas to Honda, the Transportation Research Center, and the 50+ suppliers that are located in the three counties. I am concerned about the uncertainties of the Marysville Connector - whether the proposed connection to the Northern Loop will be constructed at some point and whether that one source is sufficient for the dynamic growth expected in northwest Central Ohio over the coming decades. We must bring in other new natural gas capacity sources into the Columbus Region - even better would be if that gas is produced in Ohio! Ohio's future economic development depends on us finding truly meaningful, sustainable solutions to our mid- to long-term natural gas needs and I don't see this proposal as being an effective step in that direction.

Tom Wisemiller on behalf of Union County - Marysville Economic Development



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