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Sam Randazzo, Chairman
Ohio Power Siting Board
12th Floor
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Marysville Connector Pipeline Project (Case Number: 19-2148)

Dear Chairman Randazzo:

We are writing today to indicate the support of the Union County Board of Commissioners for Columbia Gas of Ohio's Marysville Connector Pipeline Project, Case Number: 19-2148 (the "Marysville Connector"). Our board has worked for many years to increase the natural gas capacity in our county. Union County has the fastest growing housing market in the State of Ohio (11th in the nation) and is experiencing significant growth in commercial and industrial development along the US-33 corridor. The Marysville Connector will bring additional natural gas to that corridor south of Marysville. On behalf of Union County, we respectfully request that the Ohio Power Siting Board move quickly to approve the Marysville Connector. We also request that the Power Siting Board continue to work toward long-term solutions to meet additional natural gas demand in other parts of our county.

Due in large part to Honda's investments in our county, numerous automotive suppliers have chosen to locate here. We also have attracted large investments from other industries. In 2019 alone, there was more than \$250 million in total construction investment made in Union County, including \$153.5 million in commercial/industrial construction. North of Marysville there are more than 20 sites ready for development, but these sites require a supply of natural gas to attract businesses and grow jobs. There is an underlying demand for more natural gas that is constraining growth in our area, and if additional supply is made available to address the long-term needs, Union County will continue to lead Ohio with residential, commercial, and industrial growth.

Thank you, the OPSB and the PUCO for listening to our concerns and for facilitating conversations about Ohio's natural gas supply. With the leadership from the PUCO and the OPSB, and with Ohio's abundant reserves of natural gas, Ohio's economy, and the economy of our county can continue to grow and flourish.

Sincerely Yours,
The Union County Board of Commissioners
Charles Hall Christiane Schmenk Steve Stolte 

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