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Dear President Henning:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed Central Corridor Gas Pipeline Extension Project (Case No. 16-253-GA-BTX). It is my understanding that the project is designed to bring an increased volume of natural gas into the Cincinnati area in anticipation of an increased need as businesses continue to locate in this region. While I understand this goal, I am concerned that the proposed routes for the pipeline run though densely populated neighborhoods and would be disruptive to the properties impacted in both the short and the long term. Namely, I have been contacted by constituents who are concerned about the safety issues related to natural gas pipelines as well as the proposed removal of trees and proposed barriers to cordon off the impacted areas.

I know that Duke held two public hearings at which the property owners who would be immediately impacted by this project were invited. I think that given the increased public awareness and the concerns that come with this proposal, it would be appropriate and helpful to have an additional hearing. This hearing would give the opportunity for community members and community leaders to receive current information about the project itself and the process for approval, and a chance to ask questions and raise concerns.

I think a meeting with all interested parties would be most beneficial and I would be happy to organize such a meeting with my colleagues prior to any final decision being made by the Ohio Power Sting Board.

I am hopeful that you will be willing to participate in such a forum and look forward to working with you to get a meeting organized.

Thank you for your consideration, in advance.

Denise Driehaus

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State Representative

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