The Honorable Eric Holcomb

Office of the Governor

Statehouse, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Holcomb,

Duke Energy has announced it will build a large substation along Rohrer Road in Carmel, a predominantly residential area that backs up to the popular and universally-used Monon Trail. The company has also announced it will install large metal, high-power transmission lines (69 kV) in one of three routes in the same area.

Each of these three routes is in very close proximity to existing homes, requiring the removal of many mature trees either planted by the city of Carmel or homeowners themselves. Residents are overwhelmingly fearful of having these transmission lines so nearby due to the known health-related risks of being close to high-power lines and of substantial home value reductions caused by these ugly metal poles.

It is my understanding that Duke has been presented with a viable alternative option for its substation—a piece of commercial property along Rohrer Rd. and US 31, where homes would not be close in proximity and the lines could be connected to an existing power source. With this alternative option, Duke would potentially save money in this deal, as they wouldn’t have to remove trees (public relations and environmental benefits) or build transmission lines (construction cost benefit).

Although the city of Carmel is behind us 100 percent, we know that to make the change, we need your support, too.

As homeowners affected by this project, we are asking you, our representative, to please help in swaying Duke to consider the proposition.

Mr. Holcomb, will you please help us? As Indiana residents (and taxpayers), we are scared for the safety of our children and financial well-being.

Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,