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Dear Ms. Good:

It is my hope this letter finds you in only the best and having a great New Year so far. I am writing to convey my concern and opposition for the Big Ferguson project as it is currently proposed. As the Spartanburg County Council District 4 Representative, my district is largely composed of rural and agricultural areas. My concern lies mainly within the location of the project. I along with the residents of this area are not opposed to growth and realize we are experiencing a major economic impact so to speak. As a matter of fact, one of my largest projects, since I have taken the seat on council, is to provide reliable broadband service to more of our residents in rural areas. Industry and the interest in our area is a testament to what a great place Spartanburg County is to work, live, and play. However, the residents of the Green Pond area, as well as other rural areas, value their respective way of life. High velocity transmission lines in this area seem very unfitting to the residents and the subsequent rural nature of the area. I feel this project would be more suited to an already more commercial / industrial area rather than a rural residential / agricultural area.

Duke Energy is and has been a fantastic partner in the past, and currently. I feel very optimistic about the continued great relationship with Duke Energy and Spartanburg County. We are much aware that these projects are not only crucial but necessary to support the continued influx of industry, commercial, as well as residential development. I am also much aware and understand that Duke has many challenges to work through to provide the best service possible to our Spartanburg County residents and businesses. My constituency and their quality of life will be much better served if this project is located in an already more industrialized area.

In closing, I would like to again say thank you for the continued great working relationship between Duke Energy and Spartanburg County. We are indeed going to have to continue to work together to find the best possible solutions to the economic growth our great area is experiencing. I am personally available to meet with you or anyone you may deem appropriate concerning not only this project but those in the future as well. I have included my personal cell number. Please feel free to reach out anytime. I look forward to working with you more!

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin McCorkle", written over a horizontal line.

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