

Good morning. My name is Renee Walker and I live at 2933-3 Swanton, Ohio. I'd like to thank you for this opportunity to be heard about my family's struggles with the Nexus pipeline project and Ferc during the last two years.

In 2014 several neighbors came to us about a proposed pipeline that would encroach on many properties in our township. We became involved in a movement to stop the pipeline or at least move it to a less populated area. Our group, Fulton County Common Sense Energy Coalition succeeded in getting a reroute from the Oak Openings Region and the very populated area which moved it right on our property. Our group has worked tirelessly in appealing to local, state, and federal politicians, the Ohio Farm Bureau, FERC, OEPA and even Nexus themselves for a common-sense solution to this project. This has all been to no avail. We personally have been harassed multiple times by Nexus representatives via letters, unsolicited, unannounced visits, trespassing on our property even though we have signs posted, and insisting we let them in to discuss a lease agreement. When that didn't work, we were served with papers from Nexus via the court that we were being served with a TRO for surveying purposes. This has happened 2 times in the last 2 years. The surveying took place in July during a critical growing period for our crops causing damage and loss of yields.

We have had numerous visits from the Sheriff department because of complaints from Nexus employees stating that we were threatening them and falsely accusing us of using guns in the confrontations. Luckily, we have a Go Pro camera with us for most encounters with any Nexus employees. After reviewing the video the Deputy dismissed the surveyor's accusations and lectured them about unnecessary calls.

For the last 2 years, we have someone from our family stay home to

watch over the farm and protect our property from unwanted trespass from Nexus employees. I feel this is a huge burden that my teenage kids have been shouldering and I worry continuously about the effects this is having on them.

I have also been given the finger by a surveyor when I stopped to help an elderly neighbor that has dementia when I saw that she was very agitated. She was afraid to leave for an appointment because the surveyors wouldn't leave her property. This and many other instances are what we have been dealing with the last 2 years. We have had at least 5 different Nexus land agents contacting us about signing a lease and everyone promises something different or reminds us of an eminent domain possibility. There is no continuity yet we are supposed to trust them.

We feel Ferc does not listen to our concerns. We cannot get any responses to our questions and feel that Ferc is just going through the motions and this project will be rubber stamped. At the last FERC hearing we were all taken into separate rooms to give our statements and I had to remind the recorder to take ours. It was very disheartening to learn that we weren't even talking with an actual FERC employee, they were contractors. When my husband asked for a written response to our questions he was told that they didn't have time to answer anyone personally, we would have to wade through page after page of statements and responses to those statements. Many people left that meeting because they felt uneasy talking one on one and they wanted to hear what everyone else had to say. We were told this new format was requested by Nexus and allowed against the peoples protest.

We asked FERC to find out why Nexus bypassed a wooded property which added 1 mile of pipeline to the route and took the line closer to people's homes instead of going through the wooded area. Coincidentally, this property is owned by the Fulton County Prosecutors

brother. We also asked Nexus employees and have not received an answer from either group. Yet we are supposed to trust this company.

This last 2 years have seen neighbors, family and friends at odds with each other and we expect this to escalate if Ferc gives Nexus the permits to proceed with this project. Several neighbors have had to hire lawyers because the stress of dealing with this has worsened health issues and as one lady said her husband's health and life are worth more than a piece of dirt. This farm has been in their family for generations. I find it appalling that citizens must choose between their health and fighting for the right to keep their property as they wish because of the greed of the oil and gas companies and the politicians that support them. The worst part of this ordeal for us personally is when our kids told us to sell the farm if the pipeline comes through. 40 years of working, blood, sweat and tears could be for naught.

In closing I'd like to state as US citizens our family will continue to fight for our way of life even though we do so under unimaginable stress and duress. Thank you for this opportunity to voice our concerns.