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Dear Secretary Patterson,

I am a lifelong Delawarean and would like to comment on the Project Washington Data Center Status Decision. I am one who is both pro-business and pro-environment; I believe these two views are compatible, but there has to be a reasonable balance. In looking at the proposed Data Center and the information that has been provided to the public, I believe that this Data Center is truly incompatible with the Coastal Zone. It has a very real potential to cause significant damage to the environment and should not be permitted.

As a long-time resident, I have seen businesses in Delaware who promise there will be only good effects and nothing bad will occur...only to see decades of bad behavior and continued negative effects that are very hard to remedy once allowed. We cannot let this occur in the Coastal Zone. The CZA is such an important protection for our environment against heavy industry - like this Data Center - devastating the Coastal Zone.

The sheer size (on 579 acres) and the industrial nature of the Data Center clearly show that the Data Center project should not be allowed to happen at this location. The CZA looks at heavy industry in excess of 20 acres; this Data Center is huge, over 29 times the size of a prohibited industrial site. In the sensitive Coastal Zone, this Data Center will have the potential of pollution on a massive scale. It will have hundreds of emergency generators; diesel fuel tanks with tens of thousands of gallons of diesel; huge water and wastewater treatment needs - which will be enhanced in times of drought.

To keep this comment somewhat brief, above are only some of the reasons that I urge you to protect our Coastal Zone from this particular Data Center. I thank you for viewing and considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
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