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The Coastal Zone Act permits manufacturing which is defined as "**the creation or production of goods with the help of equipment, labor, machines, tools, and chemical or biological processing or formulation**". Data Centers don't fit these parameters as they are only computers processing data. The Coastal Zone Act bans new heavy industry except at 14 specific sites that were grandfathered in in 1971 and even the amendments that were added in 2017 only opened those 14 sites to new heavy industry. The Project Washington site is not one of those sites.

The Coastal Zone Act explicitly bans refineries, incinerators, and industrial polluters and 516 generators each with a 5,020 gallon diesel fuel tank would create the same toxic emissions that this law was intended to prevent. The application fails to provide a cumulative analysis for simultaneous startup of the many generator units nor does it a regional air impacts assessment. or the possibility of a leak or spill of 2,590,320 gallons of diesel fuel in the Coastal Zone.

The Data Center will discharge 2,737,500 gallons per year to a wastewater treatment facility. Despite cooling systems being vital to a Data Center, the application provides that cooling options are still being explored. given the huge size of this data center, the proposed water usage appears low, likely underestimating cooling needs.

The Data Center site contains wetlands and some sensitive species such as Monarch Butterflies and different types of bats, along with other native mammals. The size and nature of this Data Center will have harmful impacts to the wetlands and sensitive species with noise and light pollution, air pollution (studies are showing PFAS in emissions), altered hydrology, increased stormwater runoff, sedimentation during construction to name a few.

The prohibitions in the Coastal Zone Act were meant to protect the fragile ecosystems within Delaware's coastal corridor and I urge you to protect Delaware's coastal zone from the proposed use.

Thank you for your consideration,

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The Coastal Zone Act protects our coast "primarily for recreation and tourism," As energy bills have already reached shocking levels for many in Delaware this year and the PJM grid is severely strained (as we share it with Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky,

Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington D.C.), one has to wonder how we will be able to supply **1.2 gigawatts (GW)** (more than every Delaware home combined) to Project Washington.