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Greeting Secretary Patterson,

My name is Chris R [REDACTED], a concerned resident of Delaware in regards to Project Washington. The Project Washington Data Center is incompatible with the Coastal zone on numerous fronts. Threatening potential serious environmental harm, I and many others believe that the decision to build this data center should not be permitted.

Delaware has a rich history within their coastline, so much so that the State decided to enact the Delaware Coastal Zone act in 1971 in an attempt to prioritize the coastal environment and wildlife, over industrial growth. The proposed size, scope and environmental hazard that Project Washington brings is in clear violation of the first section of the CZA.

Section 7002 d states that "Heavy industrial use" is classified when more than 20 acres are used notably to employ tanks, or has the potential to cause pollution when equipment malfunctions or human error occurs. With the data center proposing a massive 579 acre complex, it can already be seen that the build is violating the CZA, without even bringing into account the environmental impact it will have on wildlife, water pollution, and the surrounding Delawarean inhabitants. Furthermore, the Data Center proposal does not even touch on the impacts it will inevitably cause the surrounding citizens and wildlife.

The Data Center will create not only air pollution, but also vastly increase the number of PFAS found in the water supply. Toting 516 5,020-gallon diesel fuel tank fed backup generators, the Data Center completely ignores the pollution caused by a simultaneous startup of these massive generators. Something that has the potential of happening in the event of a widespread blackout emergency. Nowhere in the application does it state the contingency plan for if there's a spill or leak of any one of these generators, much less if multiple generators leaked. The CZA clearly outlines that one of the qualifying factors for heavy industrial use is that there is a potential for pollution when equipment malfunctions. The potential of 2,590,320 gallons of diesel fuel spilling into the coastal zone alone should be grounds to dismiss the Data Center proposal per the CZA.

More than 20 acres used for heavy industrial use, classifications of a tank farm, air pollution, water pollution, habitat destruction, massive potential pollutants in the event of a malfunction, underestimated water consumption, and sensitive wetland ecosystem destruction were all reasons for the State of Delaware to create the Coastal Zone Act in the first place. Project Washington, not only on one account, but several, is in clear violation of the CZA and poses the serious risk of altering the state of Delaware's ecosystem for the worse. Delaware has been my home for almost 30 years, and I have grown to love it. Therefore I truly believe that the Project Washington Data Center absolutely violates the Delaware Coastal Zone Act and should be prohibited from being built at all costs. Thank you for taking the time to hear from a lifelong resident of this great First State, I sincerely hope you consider not only mine, but the many other comments sent in that are against this proposed Data Center

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