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To whom it may concern!

Project Washington Violates the Coastal Zone Act. Protect the Coast Our Families Depend On.

Project Washington is illegal under Delaware's Coastal Zone Act.

The Act prohibits new heavy industry along the coast, allowing it only at 14 sites grandfathered in 1971. Even after the 2017 amendments, heavy industry is permitted only at those same 14 locations—nowhere else. Project Washington is not located at a grandfathered site. There is no legal pathway for approval.

Data centers are not manufacturing facilities. The Coastal Zone Act permits manufacturing defined as the physical transformation of raw materials into new products. Processing data does not meet that definition. If the project is not manufacturing and not located at a grandfathered site, it is prohibited by law.

The project relies on 250 diesel generators that would release toxic emissions into surrounding communities. The Act explicitly bans refineries, incinerators, and other major sources of industrial pollution. These generators produce the same harmful pollutants the law was designed to prevent.

The energy demand alone violates the intent of the Act. Project Washington would consume 1.2 gigawatts of electricity—more power than all Delaware households combined. The Coastal Zone is protected primarily for recreation and tourism, not massive industrial energy extraction that strains the grid and raises costs for residents.

Climate risk makes the project untenable. Coastal permits now require proof that sites can withstand sea level rise and intensified coastal storms. Delaware City lies within a flood-prone area already facing escalating climate threats over the coming decades.

Finally, the law requires zero harm. Applicants must demonstrate no negative environmental impact on the Coastal Zone. The project's enormous power demand, water use, diesel emissions, and industrial noise make that standard impossible to meet.

Project Washington violates the law—and threatens the coast we are obligated to protect.

Thank you,
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