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The following are not my words, but are definitely my sentiments. The true wealth of this country is it's protected natural areas, the demand for more and more energy, the massive construction projects, the lack of common sense in planning for low impact building and responsible energy are rapidly eroding what make life in the United States worthwhile.

“This project breaks the rules. The Coastal Zone Act bans new heavy industry except at 14 specific sites grandfathered in 1971. Even the 2017 amendments only opened those 14 sites to new heavy industry—nowhere else. Project Washington isn't at one of those sites. It has no legal pathway. Please protect the land we love!

Data centers don't "manufacture" anything. The Act permits manufacturing—the physical transformation of materials into new products. Computers processing data don't fit. If it's not manufacturing and not at a grandfathered site, the Coastal Zone Act prohibits it. 250 diesel generators poison the air. The Act explicitly bans refineries, incinerators, and industrial polluters. These backup generators create the same toxic emissions the law was written to stop.

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The law demands zero harm. Permit applicants must prove "no negative environmental impact on the Coastal Zone." Project Washington's energy drain, water use, diesel emissions, and industrial noise make that impossible.”

Sincerely,

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