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Subject: Public Comment Opposing Proposed Starwood Digital Ventures Data Center Project (Project Washington)
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed Starwood Digital Ventures data center campus ("Project Washington") planned for the New Castle area.

As a resident and community leader in a newly developed residential neighborhood within close proximity to the proposed site, I am deeply concerned about the long-term environmental, infrastructure, and financial impacts this project would impose on surrounding communities.

This is not a small development. The proposal represents one of the largest data center campuses in the country, with massive power requirements, multiple substations, hundreds of backup generators, and industrial-scale infrastructure being introduced into a region that was never designed to support this level of load.

My primary concerns are as follows:

1. Electrical Grid Strain and Rising Utility Costs

The projected power demand of this facility would place unprecedented strain on Delaware's electrical grid. There is growing concern that necessary grid upgrades and capacity expansion will be passed on to residential ratepayers, effectively forcing local families to subsidize private corporate infrastructure.

Many of us moved to this area within the last five years under the reasonable expectation of stable utility costs and reliable service. Introducing a hyperscale industrial energy consumer into a residential corridor puts that stability at serious risk.

Delaware families should not be asked to shoulder higher monthly electric bills to support a private, profit-driven development.

2. Environmental Impact and Public Health Concerns

The proposed campus includes hundreds of diesel backup generators, large electrical substations, and continuous high-density energy consumption. This raises serious concerns about:

- Air quality and emissions
- Noise pollution
- Stormwater runoff and watershed impact
- Heat island effects
- Long-term environmental degradation of nearby land and waterways

This development would fundamentally change the environmental character of the area and introduce industrial risks into a community of homes, schools, and families.

3. Impact on Property Values and Community Character

New residential communities have been built in this region over the past five years with the expectation of suburban growth, green space, and livable neighborhoods. Placing an industrial data center campus of this scale next to residential developments threatens property values, quality of life, and long-term community viability.

Homeowners should not bear the financial consequences of a project that provides minimal local employment while fundamentally altering the landscape and infrastructure of the area.

Delaware is at an important crossroads. We can support economic development without sacrificing our communities, environment, and affordability. This proposal prioritizes private infrastructure expansion over public interest, residential stability, and environmental stewardship.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge state and county officials to reject the proposed Starwood Digital Ventures data center campus and protect the long-term interests of Delaware residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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