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To: [CZA, Program \(MailBox Resources\)](#)
Subject: Application for a proposed data center near Delaware City
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I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed data center development located at or near Delaware City in Delaware.

While I recognize the importance of economic development and technological advancement, I have serious concerns about the long-term impacts this project may have on our community, infrastructure, and environment. Data centers are uniquely resource-intensive facilities, and the scale of this proposal raises significant issues that I do not believe have been or will be adequately addressed.

Specifically, I am concerned about the strain on local utilities, including excessive water consumption, increased energy demand, and the resulting pressure on an already limited power grid. These impacts will lead to higher costs for residents who have been strained to near maximum, increased reliance on non-renewable energy sources, and reduced resilience during peak demand or emergency situations.

- U.S. data centers are major electricity consumers: In 2023 they used about 176 TWh of electricity, roughly 4 % of total U.S. electric demand. That's more power than the entire state of New Jersey uses in a year.
- At a facility level, typical water usage can vary widely depending on size and technology, but averages around ~300,000 gallons per day in many facilities, equivalent to what about 1,000 homes might use daily.
- Energy demand is very high and growing quickly; new data centers can strain local grids and increase reliance on non-renewable generation.

Additionally, the environmental consequences cannot be overlooked. Large-scale data centers can contribute to noise pollution, heat output, loss of green space, and potential risks to local ecosystems. For neighboring residents, these facilities often bring decreased quality of life without a corresponding public benefit. Not to mention, they bring nearly no full time, meaningful jobs to our local economy. What is in it for Delaware?

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this project be denied, paused, or subjected to further review, including a comprehensive environmental and infrastructure impact assessment with full public input. Development in Delaware should prioritize sustainability, community well-being, and responsible land use.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns. I urge you to carefully weigh the long-term consequences of this decision and to act in the best interest of the residents you serve.

Sincerely,
Sharie M [REDACTED]