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Hello,

I hope you are well. I write as a citizen of New Castle County to urge you to not permit the project contemplated outside of Delaware City to continue. Data Centers result in increased water and energy usage, which diverts these resources from citizens, resulting in higher costs.

My husband and I are new Delaware citizens, young professionals eager to set roots and start a family. Neither of us has lived in Delaware before, but we are proud to call Delaware home and espouse its many virtues to our out-of-state friends. This data center is antithetical to everything I enjoy about living here.

The costs of energy and water have already risen since we have lived here; they are approaching untenable for many. As global warming continues, these resources will only become more valuable, especially in a coastal state such as ours that can at times experience extreme heat events. In extreme heat events, unaffordability of water and power does not just cause inconvenience; it can cause death, particularly among our most vulnerable: children, the poor and the elderly.

The Delaware Way, as we learn in the legal profession, is a way of civic-mindedness, excellence in service, civility, and aid to the less fortunate. I take the Delaware Way seriously, and I believe that our state would be better if everybody in it did, too. Causing a further rise in living expenses just to fund a data center that creates a non-commensurate amount of jobs, environmental damage and vast amounts of consumption seems unadvisable and possibly cruel. It is simply not the Delaware Way. Surely there are other ways to invest in ourselves as Delawareans without raising costs for everyday people.

I urge you to consider not allowing this project to move forward. If another state wants to decrease the long-term stability and standard of living of their citizens for economic gain, allow them to. I would be disappointed if Delaware did.

Best,

Grace J. [REDACTED]