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Dear DENREC,

I wanted to voice my concerns with the proposed data centers that are not far from my home

First off, I'm not opposed to data centers as a business. It's pretty clear that AI is here to stay and I think that it's great that the US wants to lead the way, and we should. I'm also very pro business since I'm an owner of several small businesses myself. The area where the proposed site is industrial and data centers would be a pretty clean business to have there.

I have seen many videos on YouTube about how absolutely disastrous these data centers can be regarding noise, light pollution, air pollution, extreme water use and probably the biggest concern is that they consume ENORMOUS amounts of energy. Our electricity rates have already skyrocketed recently and as I understand it, we barely have enough electricity to service our homes and the ancient grid is super fragile at best. Now you bring in these data centers and they suck up all the electricity and bid up the power rates and that's where we consumer ratepayers get screwed. I'd like to see Starwood bring its own power to the site with a small modular nuclear reactor or a natural gas plant that emits little or no pollutants.

Noise is also a huge problem. I've seen where people are getting sick from the noise and vibration that comes from these centers. There has to be a way to control noise for real and not just putting up some wall to try and block it.

I'd be supportive of the project (so far from what information I have) if Starwood can absolutely guarantee in writing to the people of New Castle County that the concerns above can be addressed. I've also seen where these data center deals just get magically approved by state and local governments and the people just get steamrolled over with no say even though they are told that they have say. Not good. Please let me know if you have any feedback or want to talk to me about it.

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