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Dear Secretary Patterson,



This is to register my strong opposition to the proposed six million square foot data center on nearly 600 acres in new castle county. This oversized mass of infrastructure would be a scourge on our land and suck up massive amounts of power from the state's energy resources — more than all homes combined, currently in DE. It would compromise our water, spew carbon emissions into our air, strain our local resources, and harm our precious natural environment. Noise would be a constant nuisance.

NCC should not under any circumstances rezone the additional property to allow Starwood Digital Ventures to move forward with this oversized project. The cost to residents would be much too high in multiple ways, including that DE residents would be impacted by increased electric rates, since DPL's additional costs will be spread across all users.

There are also critical concerns over grid reliability arising from Starwood's proposal. As demonstrated in November, the data center industry would not agree to have their power curtailed during shortages, as PJM proposed. This means the rest of us will have our power reduced instead of the company causing the shortage. This is ridiculous not to mention unfair. Importantly, PJM has predicted that by 2031 there will be a huge shortage of electric generation in our region— why??— because of data centers. So where then would the new generation come from? And also very critically, the current grid does not have the capacity to deliver this enormous amount of power. How would it be delivered then?

This massively large data center is clearly not a good project for Delaware. Although I'm aware of the potential for some economic benefit, this pales in comparison to the enormous variety of great costs to all the residents of our state and the health of our natural environment.

This is everybody's concern.

It is imperative that NCCC passes a very strong set of county land use regulations to provide the guardrails necessary for all current and future data center proposals.

I urge you to do everything in your power to protect against the existentially harmful impacts that will arise from unwise, misguided and improperly, insufficiently regulated proposals for data centers such as this.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration.

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