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To whom it may concern,

As a concerned citizen of Milwaukee for all of my life, I wanted to speak out against the potential of a data center being build in Milwaukee. My first concern with the proposition of a data center being built in my city is their mass over consumption of water. A mid sized data center is capable of consuming as much water as a small town. Not only that, but these data centers are known to pollute the water they use with toxic chemicals. Lake Michigan is one of if not Wisconsin's most valuable and beloved resources, with concerns of water quality and the ecosystem that allows many Wisconsinites to enjoy beloved summer past times such as fishing, swimming, and beach activities. To boot, hundreds of thousands of people heavily rely on our lake's clean and fresh water to drink, to clean themselves, to do dishes, and to wash their clothes. My second concern with this proposition is the increase in utlities cost for those in the area. Data centers consume massive amounts of energy, and time and time again we the people have been shown that energy companies would rather offset this cost onto the everyday man rather than charge these data centers their fair share. Sherman Park is located in an area where I believe people are already struggling to make ends meet. Combine this with a struggling economy and this could be the proverbial straw that breaks the camel's back for hundreds of struggling families in the community. A recent case of this is in the community of Lake Tahoe, Nevada. A small town had a data center built, and the energy company that those thousands of people relied on made plans to abandon their entire retail consumer base in favor of supplying one singular data center. My third and finally listed qualm is that these data centers give no static economic boon to the people in the surrounding area. The men and women who build these centers have temporary employment, and once the center is built, a data center with similar size to one like the one proposed will only employ 20-40 people permanantly. The idea that these places which serve little purpose other than to help those already in power build up AI as a means to replace the everyday man in the workforce are in any way beneficial to a community or to the working man are flat out lies. This is not the industry that will provide benefit to families, rather I would equate it to resource extraction. We are not people to these companies, we are obstacles, obstacles that they seek to remove with AI. I believe I speak for all people of Milwaukee when I say NO to a data center in Sherman Park.

-Zach Lewan

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