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Dear City Officials and Members of the Common Council,

I am writing on behalf of concerned Milwaukee residents and stakeholders to formally and urgently oppose the proposed construction of a data center within city limits. We respectfully urge the city to halt this initiative and pursue development strategies that better serve Milwaukee's long-term interests.

Our opposition is grounded in the following critical concerns:

1. WATER CONSUMPTION

Data centers are among the most water-intensive industrial facilities in existence, consuming millions of gallons annually for cooling systems. Milwaukee's proximity to Lake Michigan does not make this resource expendable. Committing vast quantities of freshwater to a private data infrastructure directly conflicts with our responsibility as stewards of the Great Lakes.

2. ENERGY DEMAND & GRID STRAIN

Large-scale data centers place extraordinary burdens on local power grids, driving up electricity costs for residents and businesses. Milwaukee's existing infrastructure is not designed to absorb this level of industrial energy demand without significant — and expensive — upgrades borne by taxpayers.

3. LIMITED JOB CREATION

Despite promises of economic development, data centers are highly automated facilities that generate very few permanent jobs relative to their size, resource consumption, and public subsidies. Milwaukee deserves investments that create broad, sustainable employment for our diverse workforce.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The construction and operation of a data center generates noise, heat, and emissions that degrade quality of life in surrounding neighborhoods — communities that are often already overburdened by industrial development.

5. BETTER ALTERNATIVES EXIST

Milwaukee has a compelling opportunity to invest in manufacturing, green energy, life sciences, and logistics — sectors that align with our workforce strengths, generate substantially more jobs, and contribute meaningfully to the tax base.

We urge the city to conduct a full, transparent public review before any approvals are granted, and to prioritize development that reflects the values and needs of Milwaukee residents.

Time is of the essence. We ask for an immediate pause on any related permits, agreements, or land transfers pending community input.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Respectfully,
A concerned Milwaukee resident