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Dear Milwaukee City Leaders,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed data center developments currently being considered in Milwaukee. While I understand the importance of economic growth and technological investment, I believe these projects raise several serious concerns that deserve greater public scrutiny before moving forward.

First, data centers consume enormous amounts of electricity and water resources. As energy costs continue to rise and climate concerns become more urgent, approving large-scale facilities with significant environmental footprints may place unnecessary strain on Milwaukee's infrastructure and utilities.

Second, despite the scale of these developments, data centers often create far fewer long-term jobs than other forms of commercial or mixed-use development. Many residents expect major projects to deliver meaningful employment opportunities, yet these facilities are typically highly automated once construction is complete.

I am also deeply concerned about the disproportionate impact these projects may have on Milwaukee's Black and Brown communities. Historically, communities of color have too often been asked to absorb the environmental, economic, and quality-of-life burdens of large industrial developments while receiving limited long-term benefits in return. Increased energy demand, noise pollution, infrastructure strain, and industrial expansion can further contribute to inequities that these neighborhoods already face.

Milwaukee should prioritize investments that directly strengthen historically underserved communities through affordable housing, locally owned businesses, workforce development, community-centered economic opportunities, and sustainable neighborhood growth — not projects that primarily benefit large corporations while offering limited local impact.

Additionally, I have concerns regarding tax incentives and public subsidies that may disproportionately favor private companies while providing limited returns for Milwaukee residents. Public resources should be invested in developments that create lasting community value and equitable economic opportunity.

I strongly encourage city leadership to prioritize transparency, comprehensive environmental impact studies, and meaningful community engagement before approving any data center proposals. Milwaukee's future should be built around sustainable, people-focused development that uplifts residents and protects the well-being of all neighborhoods.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jamere Bowers

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