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Dear members of the CPC,

I am writing to urge you to deny the approval and construction of new data centers in Milwaukee.

The rapid expansion of data centers across the United States, presents one of the biggest environmental and social threats of our generation. This expansion is rapidly increasing demand for energy, driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources and raising electricity prices across the country. All this compounds the significant and concerning impacts AI is having on society, including lost jobs, social instability and economic concentration. The harms of data center growth are becoming increasingly clear and well established as more communities are being impacted. We know that these data centers consume enormous amounts of electricity and contribute to climate change with this skyrocketing demand. One of Milwaukee's greatest assets is being situated on the Great Lake and it is our duty to protect the freshwater source. The amount of water that data centers consume is simply unsustainable. Over the past year we have seen our infrastructure struggle to keep up with the shifting weather patterns causing more rain and flooding that has greatly impacted our city and neighboring areas. I am concerned how the massively increased demand for water will impact our current systems. Similarly, there is deep concern around the increased demand for electricity. How will this data center be accommodated by WE Energies and the power grid that we have? While I know something was passed where they cannot pass off the cost of generating the electricity to Wisconsin residents, will there be an increase due to needing stronger infrastructure?

We have seen and heard from areas where these centers are already built that there have been disruptions to their quality of life. Noise and air pollution are among these concerns. It is reported that a single generator can produce between 85-100 decibels. This level of noise is loud enough to be heard from inside near-by homes, affect wildlife, and cause real issues like impaired sleep, headaches, tinnitus, stress, and headaches.

I am a lifelong resident of Milwaukee and a current homeowner in 53207. I am proud of our city and am deeply concerned about the data center being considered. Many of the data centers we see getting built around the country are in more rural areas and I am greatly concerned that the black community is being told to shoulder the impacts of this data center.

These data centers are largely unregulated and are a threat to Milwaukee's environmental, economic, climate and water security. Please consider the impact of a facility and hear from the communities that will be impacted before moving ahead with this project.

Thank you,

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