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Hello,

I am a Milwaukee resident submitting testimony in regards to the proposed construction of a data center on N. 60th street north of Capitol drive.

I am strongly opposed to this proposition. Data center cooling systems require drinkable water, and can use up to 5 million gallons of water per day, which is the equivalent of the water use if a town of up to 50 000 people. This water is then no longer potable (<https://www.eesi.org/articles/view/data-centers-and-water-consumption>). There is a limit to how much fresh water we have on this planet, and I think human beings deserve fresh, clean water more than data centers.

The carbon emissions produced by data centers are also of deep concern to me. It's estimated that by 2030, data centers could contribute up to 44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of which is like adding 10 million cars to US roadways (<https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2025/11/roadmap-shows-environmental-impact-ai-data-center-boom>).

Those who are unfortunate enough to live near data centers deal with increased electrical bills (up 267% since 5 years ago <https://stateimpactcenter.org/insights/data-centers-straining-the-grid-and-your-wallet>), and worsened water pressure and quality. Citizens who receive 0 benefits from the existence of data centers are footing the bill for their creation and upkeep.

After construction, data centers run on skeleton crews, so this will not improve the employment rate in Milwaukee. Data centers hum at disturbing frequencies, which causes disruptions to sleep.

This is a short-sighted proposition that will not bring value to Milwaukee residents. I urge my representatives in city government to oppose this proposition.

Thank you,
Nakita Gibson