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To the City Leaders of Milwaukee,

I am writing to express my strong disappointment and deep concern regarding the decision to completely drop the proposed 10,000 to 19,000-square-foot computing research and data facility from the Midtown Center redevelopment plans.

While I understand that community feedback is a vital part of local governance, it is incredibly disheartening to watch city leadership cave to misinformed pushback. This facility was not a massive, resource-draining industrial data center requiring immense grids of water and electricity. It was a modest, high-value commercial tech space that would have brought meaningful modern infrastructure, technological investment, and economic velocity to Milwaukee's northwest side.

By stripping this component from the plan, the city has actively shrunk its own potential property tax base. Replacing commercial tech infrastructure entirely with city-subsidized affordable housing and a public library—which generates zero property tax revenue—harms our city's long-term financial health. When city leaders willingly sacrifice high-value commercial tax revenue, a heavier financial burden is ultimately placed right back onto local taxpayers.

Furthermore, allowing fear-mongering and a misunderstanding of technology to dictate development sets a terrible precedent. It signals to future investors that Milwaukee is a risky place to propose modern, forward-thinking projects.

Our community deserves affordable housing and libraries, but we also deserve a robust economy and leaders who see the bigger financial picture. I urge you to stand up for sound economic development in the future and actively seek out tech investments that broaden our tax base rather than pushing them away.

Thank you for your time and for registering my perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Mann