

Protect Our Health

Sample Testimony

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm not here because I'm against technology. I'm here because I believe our community deserves answers before decisions are made that could affect us for decades.

When I learned more about these proposed data centers, I started asking simple questions.

Where will the millions of gallons of water come from? What happens if nearby wells begin to decline or water quality changes? What chemicals are used in the cooling systems, and how will that wastewater be managed?

I also learned that many large data centers rely on on-site generators that can affect local air quality. Construction alone can last for years, bringing increased dust, diesel emissions, and heavy truck traffic into our neighborhoods.

Then there's the noise. Cooling equipment, ventilation systems, and generators can operate around the clock, affecting not only nearby families but also the wildlife that shares this community with us.

These aren't small concerns. They're questions about the water we drink, the air we breathe, and the quality of life we want for ourselves and future generations.

I'm simply asking that we slow down long enough to get the facts before moving forward.

Once a data center is built, many of its impacts cannot easily be undone. That's why I urge you to support a moratorium until independent studies have been completed, the public has been fully informed, and our community has confidence that these projects can move forward safely.

Thank you for your time.

Protect Our Farmland

Sample Testimony

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe we have a responsibility to think beyond today's opportunity and consider what we're leaving for future generations.

Farmland is more than empty land waiting to be developed. It feeds our families, supports local farmers, protects wildlife habitat, and preserves the character of our community.

Once that land is covered with concrete and industrial infrastructure, it is rarely farmland again.

I understand the desire to welcome new investment and new technology. But I also believe we should ask whether permanently converting productive farmland into a data center is the best long-term use of a resource that cannot easily be replaced.

Healthy farmland can remain productive for generations. Many data centers, however, are built around rapidly changing technology that may eventually become outdated or require replacement.

We should also consider what happens to our water resources, our rural landscape, and our local food production when hundreds or thousands of acres are removed from agriculture.

These aren't decisions we can easily reverse.

Once productive farmland is lost, many of its benefits cannot easily be recovered. That's why I'm asking you to slow down, support a moratorium, and give our community the time to fully understand the long-term consequences before making an irreversible decision.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Protect Our Water

Sample Testimony

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe protecting our water should be one of the highest priorities in any decision involving a large data center.

Water isn't just another utility. It's the foundation of our community. We rely on it for our homes, our farms, our businesses, our schools, and our hospitals.

Before approving a project that could require millions of gallons of water, I believe our community deserves answers.

- Where will the water come from?
- How much water will the facility use during the hottest days of the year?
- Will it compete with residents or farmers during droughts?
- What chemicals will be used in the cooling systems?
- Will PFAS or other "forever chemicals" be used, and if so, how will they be safely managed?
- How will wastewater be treated, and what happens if there's a leak or spill?

These aren't questions we should be asking after construction begins. They should be answered before permits are approved.

Once an aquifer is depleted or water becomes contaminated, restoring it can take years, decades, or may not be fully possible.

I respectfully ask you to slow this process down, support a moratorium, and ensure our community has complete transparency before any decisions are made.

Clean water is too important to gamble with.

Thank you for your time.

Protect Our Privacy

Sample Testimony

Good evening.

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe that every major decision about our community should include a discussion about privacy.

I'm not here to argue against technology or artificial intelligence. I recognize that these innovations can bring tremendous benefits. But I also believe that as technology becomes more powerful, our responsibility to protect individual privacy becomes even greater.

Today, many of us already generate digital information through our phones, our vehicles, online services, security cameras, license plate readers, and countless connected devices. Artificial intelligence makes it possible to analyze that information faster and more thoroughly than ever before.

That doesn't mean these technologies shouldn't exist. It does mean we should ask how they will be governed.

What safeguards will protect personal privacy?

Who will have access to this information?

How long will it be stored?

What independent oversight will ensure these systems are used responsibly?

These are questions every community deserves to ask before approving the infrastructure that will help power the next generation of artificial intelligence.

Privacy has always been an important part of a free society. Once surveillance systems become deeply integrated into everyday life, restoring that privacy can be far more difficult than protecting it from the beginning.

I respectfully ask you to support a moratorium until our community has had the opportunity to fully understand these issues and ensure that innovation moves forward alongside strong protections for individual privacy.

Thank you for your time.

Protect Individual Freedom

Sample Testimony

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe one of the most important questions we can ask isn't whether artificial intelligence will become part of our future. It almost certainly will.

The question is whether that future will continue to preserve individual choice.

Technology has made many parts of life easier. We bank online, schedule appointments through apps, use digital boarding passes, and communicate in ways that would have seemed impossible just a generation ago.

These innovations have brought real benefits.

But they have also shown us how quickly optional technologies can become the expected way of doing things.

As we consider building the infrastructure that will power the next generation of artificial intelligence, I believe we should ask a few simple questions.

- Will people still have meaningful choices?
- Will essential services remain available to everyone, even if they choose not to use certain technologies?
- Will important decisions about healthcare, employment, education, or public services continue to involve meaningful human judgment?
- Will people have the ability to challenge automated decisions when mistakes are made?

These aren't questions about opposing technology. They're questions about protecting the freedoms that allow technology to improve our lives without quietly reducing our choices.

Freedom is more than having access to innovation. It's also having the ability to choose how we participate in it.

Once meaningful alternatives disappear, restoring individual choice can be far more difficult than preserving it from the beginning.

I respectfully ask you to support a moratorium until our community has had the opportunity to fully consider these questions and ensure that innovation continues to serve people while protecting the freedoms we value.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Protect Our Sovereignty

Sample Testimony

Good evening.

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe this discussion is about more than a data center. It's about who will continue making the decisions that shape our community.

Throughout our history, Americans have valued the idea that important decisions should be made as close to the people as possible. Families know what's best for their families. Communities understand their own needs. Local governments understand the people they serve.

As artificial intelligence becomes more integrated into our lives, I believe we should ask whether these technologies will strengthen that principle or gradually move important decisions farther away from the communities they affect.

We saw a similar debate during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, when many Americans became concerned that greater influence over public health decisions could move beyond our nation's control. That experience reminded many of us why keeping important decisions as close to the people as possible matters.

This isn't about opposing technology. It's about preserving transparency, accountability, and local self-government.

Once decision-making becomes increasingly centralized, restoring local authority can be far more difficult than protecting it in the first place.

I respectfully ask you to support a moratorium until our community has had the opportunity to fully consider these questions and ensure that local voices remain at the center of decisions that will affect us for generations.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Protect Human Dignity

Sample Testimony

My name is [Name], and I'm a resident of [Community].

I'm here tonight because I believe every generation has a responsibility to ask not only what technology can do, but what it should do.

Artificial intelligence will continue to become part of our lives. The question is whether we will continue to place human beings at the center of the decisions that matter most. Some choices require more than information. They require compassion, wisdom, personal responsibility, and an understanding of circumstances that no algorithm can fully capture.

Healthcare. Parenting. Education. Caregiving. End-of-life decisions.

These are deeply human responsibilities that should always involve meaningful human judgment.

As we consider building the infrastructure that will power the next generation of artificial intelligence, I believe we should also protect the values that define us as a society.

Technology should help people. It should never reduce a person's worth to a score, a prediction, or an automated decision.

Innovation should strengthen our humanity, not replace it.

Once society begins allowing technology to define human value, restoring that perspective can become far more difficult than protecting it from the beginning.

I respectfully ask you to support a moratorium until our community has had the opportunity to fully consider these questions and ensure that human dignity remains at the center of every decision we make.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.