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Hello,

As a resident of Smithfield, I am very much against constructing a data center, for the following reasons:

1. Data centers do not bring much value in the form of jobs or economic benefit. It's a standalone building, with minimal employees, that draws exorbitant amounts of water and electricity. This damages the people living in the vicinity.
2. Data centers emit noise pollution. My home is about a mile away from the proposed site. This would, at very least, be a nuisance to me and my family, and at worst, cause damage to our current quality of life.
3. AI represents an economic threat to the livelihood of virtually all Americans in white-collar jobs.
4. AI, if left unchecked, represents a threat to the safety of all Americans. I am yet to see any legislation coming out of Washington DC or elsewhere that sets guardrails on what the technology can and cannot be used for. Building a data center in our own backyard before any legislative controls are in place is enabling the threat and exacerbating the problem.
5. The money could be better spent by helping residents install renewable energy sources such as solar panels on residential roofs or finding a better way to source our electricity so that we aren't among the most expensive states in the nation for power.
6. As this most impacts the people of Smithfield, why wouldn't this be put to a vote by all residents of the town?

Respectfully,

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