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County commissioners predict that the Jupiter AI data center will use up to 1 million gallons per day to run. This much water usage will not only cause the cost of water and water bills to skyrocket, but it also risks bleeding the Rio Grande, the life blood of much of New Mexico, dry. As an Arizonan and a resident in the already dry Sonoran desert, I understand what it is like to live in constant drought and it breaks my heart to know that my wonderful neighbors are at risk of losing their access to safe and reliable water. In top of that are the concerns about air quality and noise pollution. Neighborhoods that are located near data centers have shown a spike in diagnosis of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, and those who already have those conditions, I of whom am one of, see a worsening of their respiratory health in the presence of these data centers. The noise pollution that comes from data centers has also been proven to cause insomnia and immense distress in humans and birth defects and even still births in breeding animal life alongside severe changes and worsening in behavior. The approval of project Jupiter will drain the Rio Grande, destroy the wildlife of the Chihuahuan desert and corrupt air quality for countless New Mexicans, as well as severely worsening the quality of life for millions of New Mexico residents and animal inhabitants. I urge you, please do not approve this project, I would never wish the fate of living by a data center on my beloved neighbors.