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To the county commissioners of Doña Ana:

A serious concern I hear raised time and time again regarding the sustainable future of New Mexico is "Will there be any water left?"

Our state is beautiful, our history is rich, older than that of this nation, and yet our future is uncertain.

With such uncertainty it is unfathomable that we should bend to the will of "Open ai/Oracle" and allow the construction of a data center that will devastate our communities

"Will devastate", not "could devastate", because all of the deceit surrounding this project tells us that the billionaires who wish for project Jupiter to succeed know that the construction of this data center will have nothing but negative impacts for our communities.

Initially, project Jupiter was proposed to use one thousand gallons of water per day, now it is projected to use one million gallons per day. You might say that these new numbers are false, but in reality neither option is tenable.

I must ask you, who is this project for? It may provide jobs in the short term, but who is going to work those jobs once the land is sucked dry and our homes are abandoned? This may seem like hyperbole but we only need look at other communities affected by the construction of data centers to see that the consequences are very real. The background noise alone is enough to force families to move away because they can't sleep at night.

Right now, you have the chance to be lauded as heroes or despised as villains, and I can assure you, we will remember your decision.

I implore you to choose wisely, do not allow the construction of project Jupiter, nor any data center like it. For the sake of our future, make the right decision.