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I am a born and raised New Mexican who loves my state for everything it has to offer. I moved away for college for 4 years and I spent each one wishing I was back in Albuquerque with my mountains, my clean air, and my community. That is why I believe that the representatives who want to allow our resources and land to be pimped out to out-of-state companies who have the sole objective of extracting profit from our communities should be ashamed of themselves. There is no possible solution to the negative impact data centers have on the environments they're built in. One need only look at the examples of data centers already built to witness communities torn apart and energy and water bills skyrocketing all while quality of air and water plummet. These data centers are a cancer on our country and to allow them into our land would be to betray our own interests, our own people, and our own natural resources. The proposals put forth have been destructive to all at best and life ending to some at worst. We as a people must protect ourselves from this AI economic bubble, that will burst sooner rather than later, and from any other corporation that seeks to take what's ours. Our land, our skies, and our health is more important than a new and improperly tested piece of technology that has already been proven to fail at what it promised to do. We do not need to be "ahead of the curve" if the curve leads off a cliff. We need to maintain what we have so that we may be so lucky as to pass on a New Mexico as beautiful as the one we wake up to today.