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Dear NMED Officials and Doña Ana County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Project Jupiter data center campus in Santa Teresa/Sunland Park. As a concerned resident, I urge you to deny the necessary air quality permits and halt the approval of Industrial Revenue Bonds for this project due to its severe threats to our environment, resources, and community well-being. My opposition is rooted in the following critical issues:

Severe Air Pollution & Climate Impact: Project Jupiter's plan to utilize massive, private natural gas microgrids is an unacceptable workaround to the New Mexico Energy Transition Act. Generating an estimated 14 million tons of greenhouse gases annually will severely degrade local air quality, increase regional heat, and actively endanger the health of nearby desert communities.

Unsustainable Water Depletion: New Mexico is facing unprecedented, systemic water scarcity. Diverting millions of gallons of water to cool an industrial tech campus puts an unsustainable strain on our local aquifers and threatens the long-term drinking water supply of the Mesilla Valley.

Financial Burden on Local Residents: The immense energy and infrastructure footprint of this facility threatens to drive up utility demands, risking utility rate hikes for local families who are already struggling with the cost of living.

Environmental Injustice: Placing this massive pollution source in Santa Teresa and Sunland Park disproportionately burdens lower-income communities and communities of color. Our neighborhoods should not be sacrificed for corporate data storage.

Lack of Public Transparency: The fast-tracked and secretive nature of this project is unacceptable. I demand that all technical modeling data be made fully public, all documents be provided in both English and Spanish, and accessible public hearings be held locally in Santa Teresa. For these reasons, I request that Doña Ana County and the State of New Mexico prioritize its residents over corporate interests and reject Project Jupiter.

Thank you for your time and your serious consideration of these community concerns.

Sincerely,
Katharine Elliott