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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in strong opposition to Project Jupiter in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

While this project is being presented as an economic opportunity, I do not believe the proposed benefits outweigh the long-term risks to our region. Doña Ana County and Southern New Mexico do not have unlimited resources. We live in a desert. Water is already one of our most precious and strained resources, and many communities in our region still struggle with reliable access to clean, safe water. It is deeply troubling to consider bringing in a massive industrial data center project when basic water security has not been solved for the people who already live here.

The same concern applies to energy. Whether the project uses the public electric grid directly or relies on a separate microgrid, the energy demands of a project this large are enormous. Our region should not be asked to carry the environmental, infrastructure, air quality, land-use, and long-term resource burden of powering artificial intelligence operations for some of the largest corporations in the world.

The number of permanent local jobs promised does not justify the scale of this project. Temporary construction jobs are not the same as long-term, stable employment for local families. Even the permanent jobs being discussed are not enough to balance the potential strain on our water, air, energy systems, roads, public services, and quality of life. A project of this magnitude should bring extraordinary and guaranteed public benefit. Instead, the community is being asked to accept extraordinary risk.

I am also concerned about the lack of transparency and the way the project has continued to change as public concern has grown. When a project's water use, power source, emissions, and infrastructure plans continue to shift, the public cannot meaningfully evaluate what is actually being approved. Doña Ana County residents deserve clear, independent, enforceable information before any further permits, incentives, or approvals are granted.

This is not opposition to technology or economic development. It is opposition to the wrong project in the wrong place, at the wrong scale, without adequate protection for the people, water, land, air, and future of Southern New Mexico.

Our region should be investing in sustainable industries that strengthen local communities without exhausting the resources we all depend on. We should not sacrifice our water security, air quality, land, and public trust for a project whose benefits are uncertain and whose burdens may be carried by generations of New Mexicans.

I respectfully urge decision-makers to deny, pause, or reconsider all approvals and permits related to Project Jupiter until full independent environmental, water, energy, public health, and economic impact studies are completed and made available to the public. Any project of this size must be judged not by corporate promises, but by enforceable protections for the people of Doña Ana County.

For these reasons, I oppose Project Jupiter.

Sincerely,

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