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Hello NMED,

I'm writing this letter in OPPOSITION to the granting of the construction permit to Yucca Growth Infrastructure (Formerly Project Jupiter) on the grounds that the project is an irresponsible use of space, resources, and the jobs/public infrastructure claimed by the project are misleading at best and deceptive at worst.

Based on how current AI data centers are being built, New Mexicans have zero reasons to believe that the project will not be a massive drain on public resources such as the power grid, the water supply, and the tax dollars that we pay. The project claims that the public need not worry about water usage as they are just buying water rights that already exist or the electricity bills that local residents pay will not go up as they will be generating their own power. Oracle and Co are among a circle that have shown time and again that they are willing to say one thing to the public while committing to a different plan in reality. Giving any of these AI companies a single inch will result in them taking far more than what they promise.

It is incredible short sighted to accept this permit on the merits of job creation. Yes, the construction jobs created by this data center will temporarily bring an influx of spending power to the community. But when the building is complete, the data center requires minimal human intervention. The "product" is created in code, somewhere around the world, and this data center is just a stopping point for someone's request. The money generated by this doesn't stay local. It's routed to bank accounts in several cities, states, and countries but only a irrelevant fraction of that money stays within the community that gave its land and resources for it's construction. Not to mention the wider effects of this technology and how it affects the workforce of the entire state. These companies peddle a narrative that their technology allows workers to work more efficiently but the reality is that this is a tool to replace workers. Many employers would love to save on their labor costs rather than produce more with the same workforce. It's a tool to dangle over workers' head to submit to lower pay else be replaced by an AI.

Do NOT grant this project its approval.