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The very consideration of this project is absolutely insane. Not only have data centers adversely affected air quality and other quality of life conditions for local communities throughout the country, but I cannot think of a more idiotic use of huge amounts of water in the most water challenged state in the US. In addition, generating power through the use of natural gas, whether with fuel cells or otherwise, grows our carbon footprint at a time when our state faces unprecedented damage from drought, wildfires, flooding from burn scars that can't retain water and record heat waves. It's beyond time to treat climate change with the urgency it demands.

And what do we think we stand to gain? Jobs? This is the very industry bragging to Wall Street that it will eliminate tens of millions of jobs in the near future. We should be very clear: this is about adding to the wealth of the already ridiculously wealthy Ellison family and the tech oligarchs that now increasingly control our country's most important economic and political decisions with no accountability.

Every recent poll all over the country has shown a clear consensus among Americans. We have largely been unaware of the scale of the thousands of data centers that have been approved and built in our communities and the economic and environmental impacts inflicted on us, largely to build the wealth of the wealthiest men on earth, and for a technology many of us deeply distrust. And the more we have learned the more disappointed we have grown at the leaders who have allowed this to happen. To borrow from the old adage about planting trees, the best time to stop building data centers is five years ago. The next best time is now.