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## **Support Letter**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the proposed RB Inyokern Data Center project.

Like many residents, I understand and respect the concerns surrounding water usage, energy demand, and environmental impacts. These are important issues that deserve careful review and transparent public discussion. However, I also believe our community must seriously consider the long-term economic benefits and infrastructure opportunities this project could bring to the Indian Wells Valley region.

Our area has experienced economic struggles, job losses, and declining opportunities over the years. Large-scale projects like this can help create construction jobs, support local businesses, increase economic activity, and potentially attract future investment into our community. Local restaurants, stores, hotels, contractors, suppliers, and service providers could all benefit from the economic activity generated during both construction and operation.

One point that deserves attention is the consistency of how water concerns are discussed between projects. Other large projects in our community such as the new community pool have moved forward with little public debate regarding water consumption, yet this project has received significant opposition focused primarily on water usage. If water sustainability is truly the concern, then all major projects should be evaluated under the same standards and level of transparency.

In addition, if future water infrastructure improvements are necessary for our region, a major private development project could potentially help contribute financially toward those long-term solutions through investment, fees, infrastructure partnerships, or expanded economic growth. That possibility should be part of the discussion as well.

I am not suggesting the project should move forward without oversight or environmental review. I simply believe it deserves a (fair, balanced, fact-based evaluation) rather than immediate rejection driven by fear or speculation.

Our community should continue asking tough questions, demanding transparency, and protecting our long-term water future. At the same time, we should remain open to responsible economic development opportunities that could strengthen the future of Ridgecrest and the surrounding area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jeremy Louer