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For those now reading this letter, thank you in advance for your time and attention. My husband and I are residents of the Inyokern community (30+ years) and lifelong residents of the Indian Wells Valley. We were at first knowledge of this plan, alarmed at the swiftness this project seemed to be proceeding with most residents being completely unaware of its existence; and now upon reading, learning, researching and following all aspects of data center operations in other communities in addition to the somewhat disingenuous presentation by this project's owners and promoters, we can honestly say we are opposed.

Certainly I am aware that you have likely received multiple letters, comments and even documentation from other concerned groups and individuals with data showing the water usage (we are in a valley which some believe is already in overdraft), waste remediation questions, air quality impacts (diesel generators, etc), light pollution (where we currently enjoy spectacular star filled night skies) environmental heat signatures (in an area which can already reach summer highs of 115), property values for those residents in the vicinity of this operation, power grid and energy cost impacts...and on and on. Yes, all of these things give legitimate foundation for the opposition you are likely seeing from our community, valley and others who care about quality of life and environmental health issues.

My letter comes to you from a more personal aspect. I am thinking about the people who live and work in this valley as well as our small, rural community. There are families whose employment covers a variety of professions and many are employed by the Department of the Navy at China Lake. There are senior citizens who have long enjoyed their acreage and the peace afforded all of us in this community. There are the youngsters who attend the Inyokern Elementary School and the surrounding acreage properties of those of us who enjoy raising animals, planting gardens, riding horses and simple lives revolving around a desert community of grateful citizens who simply love the wildlife, the sunrises and sunsets, the peace of the early mornings and gentle evenings of unending sky views. There are those who have made their homes in this community for all of these reasons. Characterizing the

concerns of the good people of this valley and the Inyokern community as being anti-growth, NIMBYs or just plain uninformed local yokels is a foolish but also very telling way to attempt to sell a project. There are a number of highly educated and dedicated IT individuals in this community as well as business owners, skilled workers, educators, ag producers and engineers. They are hardly people who are anti-business, anti-growth or uninformed. They do, however, have families and homes they value and a community they care about. I put forward all these thoughts to simply ask of you this simple question. With all of the questions, information, fallout from other communities across the country and testimony from so many who can not only express the concerns re: negative impacts but also produce the data to support it, this is my request.

If you would not support this project in your neighborhood, please don't support it in mine. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy Schmeer". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Cathy" and last name "Schmeer" clearly distinguishable.

Cathy Schmeer