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City of Sunbury

City Council

P. O. Box 508

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this correspondence is to express the unanimous concern of the Trenton Township Board of Trustees about your current consideration of the rezone request of allowing a data center to be constructed on the 330 acres that were recently annexed from the township.

Recently built data centers have already had a significant impact on the cost of living in our community.

An estimate of the demand for electricity of such data centers are huge and directly impact the cost of living in central Ohio. Published statistics show that a large scale data center's demand for electricity is comparable to the total electrical requirements of a community of 40,000 residents, about the size of Westerville. The demand for electricity in the already existing data centers in central Ohio has caused AEP to buy more power off of the national grid and the increase in the cost of doing this is reflected in the price per kilowatt hour delivered to homes. Estimated cost increases to home owners in the past year range from 7,4% to 13%. It is also a concern that the proliferation of more data centers in central Ohio could lead to a collapse of failure of the grid in the next decade.

Another major concern is the amount of water required by data centers to provide cooling for the equipment. Again depending on size the daily demand for water is

between 1 million and 15 million gallons per day. The current per day delivery of water by Del-Co Water Company is 23 million gallons for the 150,000 people they serve in central Ohio. The company has already encountered problems meeting demand during dry periods.

Alternatively if a data center opted to obtain some or their entire water requirement through a well field it would have a significant, negative effect on nearby residents in the area who use a well as their only source of water for residential and agricultural requirements.

We urge you to consider having Sunbury join the growing list of local communities whose elected officials have adopted long term delays and referendums on issuing rezoning permits for data centers. This includes Dublin, Jerome Township, South Bloomfield, Washington Township and West Jefferson.

The quality of life of the residents of Sunbury and Trenton Township is important.

Sincerely,

Richard Fisher, Chairman

Mark Almendinger, Vice-Chairman

Kevin Justice, Board Member