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Dear members of the Madison Plan Commission,

I write in strong support of Legistar 91135, which proposes a one-year moratorium on data centers and telecommunications centers with a floor area greater than 10,000 sq.ft. as a principal and primary use. Some of these companies view Wisconsin as the "wild west," where they can promise municipalities financial benefits while there is essentially no legislative guidance about the impacts these massive data centers might have on our cities.

Please see the related information, please see this 5-page [Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin Data Center framework](#) document (released 12/18/2025 by the 40-member [Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin](#)) addressing the challenges facing all Wisconsin cities because huge wealthy artificial intelligence (AI) companies are now operating in an largely unregulated environment, competing for control of land and massive amounts of water and energy. Because at this time there are no regulatory protections that, for example, prevent utilities from abandoning their stated renewable energy sources goals in order to meet the energy and water demands of these huge new customers, this document advocates for a state-wide *pause* on all decisions pertaining to new data center proposals until state leaders establish a strategic planning framework that integrates data center demands with Wisconsin's clean energy and climate commitments, while also prioritizing energy affordability and safeguarding public health.

Thank you for considering my views and opposing Legistar 91135.

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I am strongly in support of a minimum one-year moratorium on data centers of the size defined in the proposal.

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Dear Madison Planning Commission,

I was delighted to see that you are considering putting a moratorium on the construction of data centers. It seems obvious that AI is not only a huge financial bubble but also far less useful than its proponents are making it out to be. (I work at UW-Madison and encounter AI all the time now--its deficiencies are obvious.) The environmental and human mental/physical health aspects are also significant, both around the existence of new huge data centers and around unthinking insertion of AI into everything for little reason other than to justify inflated tech company share prices.

Please reject the imposition of unneeded and unwanted data centers that benefit nobody but a tiny number of already-wealthy people who don't even live here. They create hardly any jobs, they will have lasting impact on the environment, they are loud and ugly, and they are likely to be abandoned in any case when the AI bubble bursts. Thank you.

Best, Christine