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We love to tout our state's motto of 'keep Pennsylvania beautiful' and yet every day we take more away from what makes this state so beautiful. People around the world come here to revel in the majesty of our ancient forests, the color changing trees and the peace that listening to birds can bring. People flock to these lands for the quiet and serenity that nature brings- and a data center would ruin all of that.

They're loud due to the constant fans for cooling which will push both wildlife and people away from the flora and fauna. The amount of electricity they use could power our cities for years.

They would need a constant source of water and if we recall what happened when Kunkletown had Nestle starting to utilize their towns water for their commercial gain- they dried up most of the towns' wells and people had to go through life as if there was a severe drought. Nestle was only pulling 20,000 gallons a day and completely dried up the entire community wells. We are already in a drought. This data center would require even more water each day than Nestle had tried to take during their daily extractions in Kunkletown, about 4 times the amount of water, as current data centers on average utilize 700,000 gallons each day. This would absolutely devastate the local economy forcing people who are already struggling to make ends meet to pay out of pocket for potable water. This would make the entire nepa area dependant on larger conglomerates like Nestle to survive as all of our water would be going to the cooling and preservation of computers and technology instead of for the survival of the community, of mankind.

If they want to build a data center, they should be required to build it underground with a greenhouse on top. This would offset the huge amount of water as it can be reused to satiate the plants needs; would keep temperatures steady in the greenhouse (which would also allow for planting of exotic plant species due to higher temperatures from the data center computers constantly running); keep the same feeling for the state and not create any more large (building shaped) eyesores which would keep visitors, and our local economy, going through tourism; as

well as ensure the community has a stable source of food to help where shortages are currently present.

I grew up in these mountains and forests. This land is my home. I ran through these woods my entire life. I grew up listening to stories from my mother who watched Staten Island, New York go from what it's like here, like what we have now with lush forest, large farms, some dirt roads and horses still being used for travel in to what it is now: where over a million people squish onto that tiny island, buildings tower over small cramped streets, and you now need to pay a tank of gas to get on or off the island. I've watched this area grow as I've grown and I see the signs of Staten Island right here, right now.

If we don't stand to protect the land that makes our state so beautiful, to protect what makes this land our home, our beautiful state can no longer protect us. The trees that convert the heavy smog from more and more warehouses will no longer be there for fresh oxygen. The water will no longer be there for our thirst, crops, survival.

Please keep our state the paradise we believe it to be.

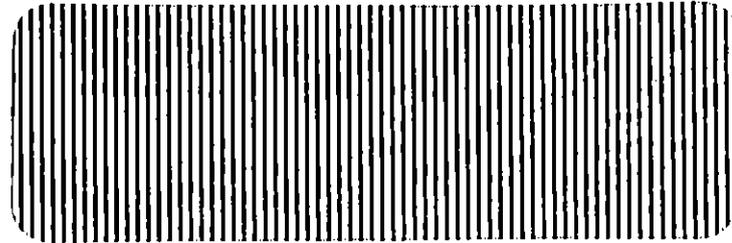
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