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Dear Representative [NAME],

As a resident of Michigan, I'm extremely concerned about the taxpayer funding of rapid, under-regulated AI data centers, and about the lack of transparency which has surrounded them.

There are two sets of bills which are currently awaiting the approval of the House Committee on Economic Competitiveness which would address these concerns. They are HB 5396-5398 (which would repeal the tax breaks for data centers which were passed in December of 2024), and HB 5399 (which would ban data centers from requiring local elected officials to sign nondisclosure agreements). I am asking you to move to approve these bills in committee.

Michigan's economic policy of giving large state subsidies to massive, multi-national corporations for heavy industrial development has not developed a track record of success over the last three years. Strategic Outreach and Attraction Reserve (SOAR) funding, as distributed by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), has created one disastrous, costly project after another. In late 2025, legislators wisely chose to exclude SOAR funding from the budget. These data center tax breaks are no different from SOAR funding. In fact, state tax breaks for data centers are regulated and overseen by the MEDC—an organization which has been investigated for fraud by our Attorney General. How can we trust the current system to properly oversee tax breaks for these massive data centers?

Regarding HB 5399, there is simply no place for NDAs in local municipal business. These NDAs are being used to block the public from important information about water and energy usage, and they're destroying public trust.

Please bring House Bills 5396 through 5399 to a vote in the Committee on Economic Competitiveness, and approve them.

Thank you,

[NAME]

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