## TO OPPOSE NEW TRANSMISSION LINES AND AN ONSLAUGHT OF DATA CENTERS ...

Here are key officials you can contact:

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## Here are points you could make – but please use your own words:

- I oppose the explosion of data centers in Northern VA, and their impacts on communities like Catlett.
- I oppose the massive impacts data centers is having on VA's electric grid, the costs that will be passed on to household ratepayers, and the miles of new transmission lines across VA's landscape especially near Catlett.
- PJM is proposing huge new transmission lines that would be devastating to Catlett and nearby rural communities.
- The threat is not just PJM's current proposals. Even more data centers, and more transmission lines, are on the near horizon as much as a doubling of data centers and electric load in the next 5-10 years.
- One pending proposal in PWC the Digital Gateway would require 3 gigawatts. This one DC complex will require more energy than Dominion's \$10 billion off-shore wind project will generate.
- This is not NIMBYism. Data centers are a threat to our collective well being, our communities, our way of life, our electric grid, our environment, and the scenic, agricultural landscape of the Piedmont.
- Our electric grid is experiencing unacceptable pressure from data centers. Already Dominion is looking at more fossil fuel plants, failing to meet Virginia's climate targets, importing energy from outside the state, higher rates, and more transmission lines while even more data centers are lining up to tax our grid beyond its capacity.
- Virginia's air quality and climate change targets are threatened by data centers' insatiable electric demand.
- The Piedmont and Fauquier landscape is a state treasure, for visitors and those of us who live here. Do not forever desecrate it with ugly, industrial electric transmission lines and massive computer warehouses.
- Transmission lines and hyperscale data centers also threaten our historic battlefields, our state and local parks and recreation areas, and our communities.
- We must put a pause on data centers that are driving explosive energy demand. We should allow data centers only where there is existing grid capacity.
- Utilities must provide grid reliability through less expensive and less disruptive means, such as Grid Enhancing Technologies which can expand power capacity on existing ROW by up to 40%.
- Virginia needs to overhaul our electric rate structure, to ensure that bulk users like data centers pay their full costs, including the cost of new infrastructure they require. Households should not foot the cost for new transmission lines and power upgrades to serve wealthy corporate data center companies.

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