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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing my opposition to SB1586 with regards to the nebulous nature of "data centers" as described and potentially allowed for in the bill. From the bill text and public reporting (OPB, etc), the allowance for data centers as an "accessory" or "part of" is not defined clearly enough. I am concerned that it could be easily taken advantage of or open to loopholes. Data centers around the country have become incredible environmental and health drags - extensive noise, pollution, and energy/power drains often passed on to residential consumers. I encourage lawmakers to think more carefully and clearly define parameters for any "accessory" or "part of" data center element that would be part of a semiconductor and/or biotech site. This would be to ensure that the "data center" size, energy usage, noise generation, pollution, etc does not exceed or dwarf the main semiconductor/biotech site. For example, could a company build a relatively small "retail warehouse" or "logistics warehouse" and then have an accompanying data center that is 5 or 10 or 100 times the size, energy usage, etc of the main warehouse? While next generation technology and jobs to support it should be encouraged, it should not be done at the expense of a back door for data centers that provide a paltry amount of long term jobs. Thank you for your consideration;