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### DATA CENTER

#### FACTS 📌📌📌📌

Data centers may feel “invisible,” but they can have real impacts on nearby communities and natural resources. Here’s a clear, well-rounded breakdown:

#### 1. Impact on People Who Live Nearby

##### Noise

Data centers run thousands of servers plus massive cooling systems.

Cooling towers and backup generators create a constant low-frequency hum.

During power outages, diesel backup generators can get loud.

For neighborhoods close by, this can affect sleep, stress levels, and overall quality of life.

##### Traffic & Construction

Construction phases involve heavy machinery, dust, and increased truck traffic.

Once operating, traffic is usually low—mostly maintenance staff and deliveries.

##### Air Quality

Diesel generators release exhaust when tested or used during outages.

These emissions are usually regulated, but frequent generator testing can bother neighbors.

##### Property Values

Some communities express concern that large industrial-looking data centers may lower property values due to aesthetics, noise, or pollution.

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#### 2. Impact on Natural Resources

##### Water Use THEY WILL DRAIN LAKE LANIER

This is one of the biggest issues.

Many data centers use millions of gallons of water per DAY for cooling.

This can strain local water supplies—especially in drought-prone or growing communities.

Water discharge (warm or chemically treated) can affect local ecosystems if not properly regulated.

##### Energy Consumption

Data centers consume massive amounts of electricity—some equal to a small town. WHO PAYS FOR THIS!?! WE DO!!! THIS IS NOT OK!!!

If the grid relies on fossil fuels, this increases greenhouse gas emissions.

In some areas, data center demand increases local electricity prices or requires building new power infrastructure. AGAIN, THESE BILLS WILL 100% BE PASSED TO US!

##### Land Use

Large footprints: Data centers take up large tracts of land, often replacing agricultural land or natural habitats.

This can lead to habitat fragmentation, loss of green space, and changes in stormwater runoff patterns.

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3. Broader Environmental Impacts

Heat

Servers generate heat that must be released into the environment, raising immediate surrounding temperatures.

This can contribute to localized “heat island” effects.

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CHEMICAL USE

Water systems may use biocides, corrosion inhibitors, and other chemicals.

Diesel fuel stored onsite for generators has spill risks.

E-waste

IT IS MORE TRASH THATS NOT GOING TO BE BIODEGRADABLE

Servers are replaced regularly (sometimes every 3–5 years).

If not recycled properly, this adds to global e-waste streams.

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4. Economic & Community Impacts (Positive)

It’s not all negative—data centers often bring:

High tax revenue for local governments. Here it is. Money in YOUR POCKET

Stable, long-term employment (though relatively low headcount). FOR 100 OR FEWER PEOPLE. IT IS NOT WORTH IT

Infrastructure improvements (roads, power grid upgrades). WHAT ARE THE SPLOTS FOR? OUR PROPERTY TAXES HAVE DOUBLED AND TRIPLED IN THE RECENT YEARS. IT’S ALL GREED

However, the benefits don’t outweigh the environmental footprint. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN? GRANDCHILDREN? SHUT THIS DOWN. Call for exploration. Do a study. The impact will be exponentially worse on all front than you guys getting more tax dollars.

Work for the people who elected you! WE SAY NO!

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