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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing regarding the Edsall Data Center Substation 2232 Application currently before the Planning Commission. As the Member of Congress representing the community in which this proposal is located, I have serious concerns about the potential impact of this project on residents. Data center infrastructure should not be built in residential areas where its scale and likely impacts are fundamentally incompatible with the character and quality of life of adjacent neighborhoods. As such, I respectfully request the Commission deny the Application.

The proposed substation is understandably a matter of significant concern for my constituents. Residents have raised important questions about the compatibility of this project with the surrounding community. Specific concerns include land use, environmental impacts like flooding, excessive lighting and noise pollution, and whether this proposal supports thoughtful, sustainable growth envisioned for Lincolnia.

Fairfax County has taken important steps to establish guidelines addressing these particular concerns associated with data center infrastructure and development. As I understand it, these guidelines are intended to minimize impacts on surrounding neighborhoods while preserving land designated for housing, economic opportunity, and transit-oriented development. Many residents and stakeholders have expressed concerns that this specific proposal does not align with those objectives. I share those concerns.

I recognize the importance of maintaining the infrastructure necessary to support our region's economy and technological leadership. However, as we continue to experience unprecedented growth in data center development, we must ensure that these projects are appropriately located outside of residential areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request and for your service to Fairfax County.



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