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El Paso Mayor & City Council
300 N. Campbell
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re: Data center regulation

Honorable Mayor & Councilmembers:

I write because of your upcoming discussion about asking for state and federal regulation of data centers. On the state level, I completely support taking on that challenge.

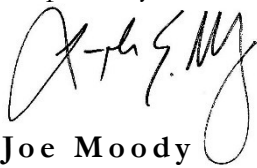
Data centers present tremendous risks and opportunities—many of them uncertain—and it shouldn't fall entirely on local communities to negotiate them opposite powerful multinational companies. We should have a clear, evidence-based framework for Texas facilities so that cities like El Paso can make transparent decisions that residents can have confidence in.

State legislation needs to focus on creating minimum standards for both operations and incentives that put people first. We also need to create systems for measurement and accountability to make sure real results match early promises and to protect our communities if they don't. And for places like El Paso, it's especially important to preserve our environment and make sure that water and electricity security aren't impacted—and that the infrastructure costs of data centers don't make their way to our utility bills.

These are complicated issues we have to tackle together at all levels of government. I'm ready to help at the Texas Capitol, and I look forward to working with you on it.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership.

Respectfully,



Joe Moody