

To the Sangamon County Board,

I'm sending this email on behalf of the Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future since we will probably not be allowed to speak before a potential vote on the data center on Tuesday.

At the March 23rd County Board meeting, after listening to the citizens who attended to share their opposition and concerns about the proposed data center the majority of the Board voted to table the vote indicating a desire to allow time to address their concerns.

Now the multi-billion dollar corporation and the SSGA want to try to bully you into moving forward before any of those concerns have been addressed. Voting to move forward on this project two weeks after you voted to take time to address your constituents' concerns would be a slap in the face to all who attended and make your actions in March seem almost duplicitous.

Here is a brief summary of the concerns raised on March 23 that must be addressed before any action is taken on a project that threatens the health and safety of the people you represent. You are about to partner with a company the City of Aurora had to sue to force remediation of dangerous noise levels. Why would you do that without addressing the following?

- Create legally binding agreements around
  - Schedules for testing diesel backup generators-surely the horrific experience of Aurora during their power outage when Cryus One diesel generators ran for long periods spewing dangerous diesel particulates throughout the area should be a cautionary tale for us. The wind will carry those particulates to all of your districts.
  - Schedules for construction work - daily and over the 5+ year period
  - Training and equipment for all EMS services across Sangamon County to deal with any data center disaster.
  - Improvements to Lake Waverly to ensure water supply for Waverly residents
  - Repairs to roads during and following construction

- You must address the impact to the livelihood of landowners' businesses around the site including depreciation of land value, limitations on future land use, and threats to already permitted businesses in the area.
- Permanent jobs - CyrusOne should provide numbers of permanent data center employees in a campus outside of one of their hubs. Proponents have tossed out numbers that exceed anything found for other data center developments. We need hard numbers.
- Demand greater transparency on the number of temporary construction jobs created. Cyrus One on its web site touts a "Massively Modular" approach to construct pre-fabricated data centers, often delivering centers in a FRACTION of the time of traditional builds. How does this square with 500 jobs over 5 years? Also will they be required to HIRE locally not just pay local prevailing wages (the PLA agreement that they mentioned). Again we need transparency, more specifics, and hard numbers.
- The implementation of a decommission bond/assurance bond
- Address lack of transparency around the Community Benefits Agreement that CyrusOne mentioned. Why is there a *Community* Benefits Agreement the community is not allowed to see?
- Cyrus One is non-compliant with noise regulations in Aurora but continues to operate. Why approve a company that may force Sangamon County to sue to ensure compliance as Aurora has had to do?
- Higher electric and water bills passed onto residents in the area. By joining the data center stampede without requiring centers to bring their own energy, you are worsening things like the \$9.7 billion dollar increase in electricity costs for consumers already caused by these centers just in the PJM service area.
- Higher temperatures exist on land where data centers exist, the land is 16 degrees warmer where the data centers are, and the effect can extend up to 6 miles. This will severely impact pre-existing adjacent livestock and grain farms. How can that threat be addressed?
- Existing zoning regulations require that a conditionally permitted use be allowed only after considering the intensity of use (here, extraordinarily intense) and its compatibility with existing permitted agricultural uses in an agricultural district. CyrusOne's proposed hyperscale intensity is entirely inconsistent with those uses.
- Legislative hearings are being held next week on the Illinois POWER Act, which has been created by a coalition of experts to properly regulate data centers. To approve

CyrusOne's proposal now smacks of caving to a powerful corporation who wants to get out from under those regulations with your quick approval at the expense of the health and safety of your constituents.

And finally, please know we will join with you in urging union leaders to join us in lobbying for funding of projects that will provide good union jobs that help the community, not threaten its health and safety and the jobs of thousands of other union workers in our state government, colleges, and elsewhere. We can push for funding to revitalize and expand low income housing, speed our transition to clean energy, and more: all requiring good union jobs.

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