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VIA EMAIL

Citrus County Board of County Commissioners  
Commissioner Diana Finegan, Chair  
Commissioner Janet Barek, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Commissioner Jeff Kinnard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Commissioner Holly Davis  
Commissioner Rebecca Bays

Re: Moratorium on Data Centers

Dear Commissioners:

I understand there is a moratorium to be brought to the Board on permitting data centers in Citrus County. A draft of an ordinance amendment has been completed and is scheduled to go before the Planning and Development Commission (PDC) on May 21, 2026, to go over section by section, line by line, and then the PDC's recommendations for or against or changes to, is to go before the Board of County Commissioners on June 22, 2026. This is standard procedure for new land ordinance amendments.

I think it is only fair to all of us involved, both pros and cons, to let the data center ordinance follow its normal track, with plenty of time for public input, and come up with a draft that can be presented to the Board. I sincerely believe there is too much incorrect or incomplete information about data centers. I also believe that with the right standards, methodology and land protection for both sides, this would be a good industry to bring here to Citrus County. Not only for jobs, but it would generate a good tax base. In short, let the ordinance go through its proper channels, like all the ordinances go through. Let's don't jump the gun and put a moratorium before we have had a chance to look at the rules, regulations and standards.

Respectfully,

Dixie M. Hollins  
President

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cc: Steve Howard, County Administrator  
Eric Landon, Director, County Growth Management  
Joanna Coutu, Director, County Land Development  
Denise Lyn, County Attorney