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It is common sense that any project backed by our government must be open to the public. North Dakota legislators cannot pride themselves on government transparency yet allow their peers to engage in shady deals with billion-dollar corporations. Data centers are huge bricks of concrete that irradiate heat and pollutants. Across the country, real people are struggling to deal with the data centers. Plenty of sources from PBS to social media show real stories of people struggling as soon as the data centers move in. Between the noise, environmental pollution, dirty water, the heat, they destroy our environment and disrupt our way of life. Data centers will ruin the great North Dakota prairies, and for what? What benefits has generative AI brought? Do they outweigh the negatives? Studies reveal daily that students who use AI are more likely to struggle in class and not learn anything, why would they? Who needs to use their brain if AI can give them a quick, half-baked answer. Maybe the benefits of AI are in deep fakes? From gross imagines of children to fake "news" stories, AI muddies the flow of information and is consistently used by disgusting criminals. AI rots brains, takes away jobs, and can be used to stain society. Just because the president says something, doesn't mean he is always right. AI is dangerous and threatens our way of life, from agriculture to the arts, and finance/business, the people of North Dakota ask that our legislators conserve our shared way-of-life. Amount of data centers per capita is *not* a metric towards beating China; the quality of our living standards, education of our youth, and protection of our shared morals and values is.

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