

Dear Chairman and members of the Local Government Committee

I am writing to you in regards to SB146. I am opposed to SB 146 in its current form.

My self

and many other Miami County Citizens would support it only if amended to include protections that prohibits data center development on the conveyed land. As well as prohibiting future solar farms and wind mill farms. Along with prohibition from annexation

by the city. I will elaborate why in the following paragraphs.

The northland property that is up for consideration in this bill, was annexed by the city of

Osawatomie. There is and has been a moratorium on solar and wind farms within the

county. The city of Osawatomie was able to annex this unincorporated county property and

placed it under (municipal) jurisdiction and zoning regulations to potentially avoid or circumvent a county-level moratorium on this land.

The city was able to partner with Evergy and they made the solar farm happen even with the

moratorium set by the county. The solar farm is on a tract of land that is included in this bill.

My concern is with the remaining land that is being discussed in this bill.

The Miami County Republic, which is a local newspaper, did an article regarding the data

center potentially going on one of these tracks of properties. Which was the first time most

of Miami County citizens were made aware of this project.

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city residents. Since Osawatomie has home rule over this land being annexed, The rural

folks have no say in what the city does with this land. Bringing in these data centers means tearing out the brick road in front of the State Hospital to be able to accommodate all of the construction traffic. So many questions. Does this fall on the county tax payers who have no say in any of this. There has been NO open discussion made by the city with its residents regarding what their thoughts are. The city is already struggling with our water plant and are trying to build a huge plant to accommodate something huge. Assumptions are it would be for the data center. There are many concerns regarding the wastewater and electrical issues. As Osawatomie already has power issues and we residents loose power multiple times a year without the added constraint and all while having the opportunity to buy from the local solar array.

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Please consider an amendment to this bill to help protect the already failing systems in Osawatomie. We can't afford the already failing infrastructure let alone the environmental

impact that might have. Please be a voice to the whole county and not just take into consideration what the city council wants.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPhone