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On November 4, 2025 representatives from Belltown Power entered my office at the Court House in Centerville, Texas and told me they had options on land in Leon County near Marquez, Texas to build a Data Center. This was the first I had heard of this plan. Leon County is home to several Solar Farms but NO Data Centers.

Leon County residents, in the proposed Marquez, Texas area, are very opposed to this Data Center as are most others in the

county. Of most concern is the huge usage of water and power as well as the health concerns this center could present. We are also concerned about our agriculture land being taken and the harm it could cause to our cow, calf production as well as hay production.

I ask that you do NOT offer any incentives from the state or national level. I think we all are learning not all economic development is good development. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information or suggestions. I look forward to your timely response.

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