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Dear Secretary Kenney,

Thank you for your continued service to all of New Mexico. Under the Lujan Grisham Administration, New Mexico is on a brighter, more prosperous trajectory. Doña Ana County has seen this progress first-hand and as the senators elected to represent this region, we are grateful for your efforts.

As you may know, our offices conducted a joint Legislative Listening Session on August 11th at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center. This session sought to give constituents an opportunity to speak to their elected representatives about, and submit questions to state agencies regarding, the Project Jupiter data center currently under construction. Along with the option to submit questions in-person at this listening session, constituents were also able to submit questions via an online form and across livestream venues.

A cornerstone of a representative democracy is the public's right to petition and request insight from their state government on key legislative issues. Attached to this correspondence are questions we received which your office has been identified as the most relevant subject matter experts. These items for consideration are also listed at the end of this document. We request your office review the enclosed and answer to the best of your ability.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of these questions submitted directly from concerned constituents. Our aim is to ensure concerned constituents feel they have received due consideration and an adequate response from their state government and elected officials. Our offices will be distributing a document of all answers received to the public by mid-September. To ensure a timely response to constituents on this urgent legislative matter, we respectfully request your answers no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, September 10th, 2026.

Your office is key to the continued operation of an effective, compassionate state government. We appreciate the time you and your colleagues will take to review the enclosed materials. If you have any questions, the Office of Senator William "Bill" Soules is available at (505) 946-5587.

Respectfully,

New Mexico Senator William "Bill" Soules
New Mexico Senator Carrie Hamblen
New Mexico Senator Joseph Cervantes
New Mexico Senator Jeff Steinborn

QUESTIONS RECEIVED FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

- What are the biggest environmental risks associated with this project and how will they be monitored?