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Dear Colleague,

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 Carrie Hamblen is available at (505) 946-5588.

Respectfully,



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

QUESTIONS RECEIVED FOR NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT:

- From a risk management perspective, what measures have you taken or are considering. There are significant risks associated with with development and land use after abandonment. An internal audit should be conducted to make sure bribery was not part of the process. In agreeing to this project. We need full transparency with our elected officials. Can we fine Oracle 180 M and turn that into productive businesses for our communities. Recreational areas for our children,! After school programs for working parents.
- What are the projected greenhouse gas emissions over the project's operating life?
- We're seeing Community Water Systems throughout the state of New Mexico implement emergency rates for conservation there are wells running dry throughout the state. Many counties do not have appropriate hazard mitigation plans much less offices of emergency management in place to ensure they can cover unincorporated communities within their counties that run out of water. The State of New Mexico is not prepared to respond in these emergency situations and this project isn't even complete yet. What is the state legislation going to do about this? We have communities running out of water while private interests' pockets are being lined. New Mexico residents should be given priority always. The Federal government is looking at every measure possible to dismantle oversight and review of these types of projects including NEPA. Our county government is letting us down, and our state government is following closely behind with giving priority to the oil and gas sector and data centers.
- What monitoring and public reporting will be required after the facility begins operating?