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1 **MR. MASSE:** Good evening everybody. It's 7:00. I
2 think we'd like to get started. I know there's still some
3 people coming in and signing in, and we'll -- you know,
4 we'll get those sign-up sheets here as we get into the
5 process.

6 So my name is Mark Masse. I'm the President and
7 CEO of the Genesee County Economic Development Center. I'd
8 like to thank everyone for coming out today for this public
9 hearing on a proposed benefits for the Stream U.S. Data
10 Center project for Project Double Reed. The purpose of this
11 public hearing is to solicit comments and feedback about the
12 project, including the proposed incentives being requested
13 by this project.

14 This project is seeking a payment in lieu of taxes,
15 PILOT property tax abatement host benefit agreements with
16 the taxing jurisdiction, a mortgage recording tax abatement
17 and a sales tax abatement. These incentives are not cash
18 given to the company. They are an abatement on taxes which
19 would otherwise be owed if the project were to proceed.

20 Copies of the application for the financial
21 assistance and economic impact analysis for the project are
22 available on our GCEDC website. The GCEDC uniform tax
23 exemption policy is also available on our website, together
24 with the project's SEQOR application materials, as well as
25 the Town site plan application materials.

1 These public hearings are being broadcast live at
2 the link provided in the public notice for the public
3 hearing. They will be recorded and then posted on our
4 website after that.

5 Before we begin the public hearing, we've prepared
6 a short presentation on a proposed project and the requested
7 incentives. Based upon the publicly available information
8 on our website, please note that neither the presentation
9 nor the public hearing are question and answer sessions.
10 And please sign-in on the sheets in the front if you have
11 not already done so. If you wish to speak, please place an
12 X by your name. So I think at this point in time we'd like
13 to go into our presentation.

14 So obviously this presentation is for the benefit
15 of the community to help describe the project, and to assist
16 the public in providing comments on it. Following this
17 presentation we will call the public hearing on the proposed
18 incentives to order.

19 So as far as the history goes, STAMP started with a
20 feasibility study back in 2008. There were two years worth
21 of town hall meetings and site visits, two years for public
22 input on the environmental impact statement, and then in
23 2012 it was rezoned to the technology districts. From 2013
24 till now there's been permitting and building
25 infrastructures, buffers and SEQR updates from 2013 to now,

1 and the Edwards Vacuum facility is ready to open in just a
2 few weeks.

3 So the GCEDC began the review of this project back
4 in December of 2025. The review process is still ongoing.
5 This public hearing contributes to that review process. As
6 an overview, it is a 19.46 billion dollar project
7 investment. There will be three buildings. They are
8 two-story, so they have a 366,500 square foot footprint. So
9 for two stories, that's how you get to the 733,000 square
10 feet. It will be a 64-foot building height. As a
11 comparison, the existing Edwards facility out there has a
12 240,000 square foot footprint and a 45-foot building height.
13 So that proposed data center would be almost 20 feet taller
14 than the current Edwards Vacuum facility and another 100,000
15 square foot footprint on that.

16 For the direct employment, 125 jobs, \$88,000
17 average annual salary, which equates to 431 million dollars
18 in payroll added to the community over 30 years. Over the
19 five year construction period, it equates to about 6,000
20 jobs, about 1,200 a year on site working, and that equates
21 to about 5.5 million dollars in payroll added to the
22 community over five years.

23 Their infrastructure needs are 20,000 gallons per
24 day in water, which is generally a little bit less than some
25 of the local farms in the area. There is 200,000 gallons

1 per day of capacity allocated to STAMP from the County that
2 is already accounted for within the County's water
3 allocation. And if there happens to be an emergency, we
4 have an on site water storage tank that's a half million
5 gallon capacity that can provide ten days backup capacity
6 for both projects if the data center were to move forward
7 where they wouldn't need to draw off of the municipal
8 system.

9 There's 20,000 gallons per day in sanitary sewer.
10 We have reserved 100,000 gallons per day treatment capacity
11 within the Village of Oakfield waste water treatment
12 facility. We will be helping to fund the improvements to
13 that waste water treatment plant through GCEDC and the STAMP
14 Sewers Works Corp. The power usage is 500 megawatts. We
15 are currently constructing and have been allocated 600
16 megawatts in a 600 megawatt substation. We've gone through
17 five years of studies with the New York Independent Systems
18 Operators, who has done an analysis of that draw down of
19 power to show that it will not negatively or adversely
20 impact the overall grid.

21 The companies, the GCEDC are funding the
22 infrastructure. All of the electrical infrastructure on the
23 site is being paid for by the private company. It is not
24 going to be passed down to the rate payers. National Grid
25 is not allowed to do that under their tariff. I know

1 there's been concerns over rate increases. That is really
2 due to Nation Grid's five billion dollar infrastructure
3 improvement they're doing. They have just completed their
4 rate case, so the rate is locked in for two years. I do
5 think they have one more increase within that two year
6 period, but that increase is going to cover their
7 infrastructure improvement that they're currently doing.
8 One of which is to rebuild the 115 line that goes through
9 the Town of Alabama.

10 The sales tax abatement, it is 1.431 billion
11 dollars in a sales tax abatement. There are currently 14
12 states that automatically exempt that same equipment. So if
13 you're trying to do a comparison against other data centers
14 for incentive packages they've received, they are
15 significantly less because their states do not tax server
16 equipment. That is the major difference in that project.
17 Again, it is not cash given to the company. It's an
18 abatement of the tax that they would pay. 31 million dollar
19 in mortgage tax abatement. Again, not cash to the company.
20 Not a transfer of current or future monies.

21 So the proposed PILOT host agreements start at
22 seven million dollars for all three facilities. That's
23 about 115 percent premium on the assessed value with a two
24 percent escalator every year. Over 30 years, based on what
25 the assessed value would be, this project would pay 84

1 million dollars above assessed value than is there now.
2 That equates to 285 million dollars in new PILOT host
3 revenues that are paid to the Town, the County and the
4 school district. And this project will also be required to
5 pay sales tax on its power usage. That will result in 270
6 million dollars in new County sales tax that would be
7 collected over the 30 year period.

8 So all in, that relates to a 1.96 billion dollar
9 estimated impact due to the investment, construction and
10 employment. The community benefits from that would be
11 taxing jurisdictions. Obviously the County wants to use
12 their portion of the funding to help cover the County Water
13 Project. Our estimates, just based on total residence in
14 Genesee County, that would be a savings of about 4 to \$5,000
15 per resident.

16 Based on the funding that would be contributed, the
17 school district and the Town would be looking for -- to do
18 tax relief. Essentially lower taxes, potentially. I know
19 the Town has some infrastructure and some capital projects
20 that they need to do, that they don't have a choice in.
21 This project would cover those costs so they would not be
22 passed down to the Town of Alabama residents.

23 And then next, I'll have Chris talk about the work
24 force piece.

25 **MR. SUOZZI:** All right. Good evening, everybody.

1 I'm Chris Suozzi, Executive Vice President of Business and
2 Workforce Development. And the workforce is the key right
3 now. So I do a lot of workforce development for Genesee
4 County for our kids. I kind of go by a little name called
5 "Coach SwazZ". And I try to really embrace K through 12
6 into these careers that are in their backyard.

7 And certainly with this project, the IT and skilled
8 trades workforce programs are currently already available at
9 Genesee Valley BOCES, as well as GCC right here locally. We
10 have a really robust system in terms of workforce in the
11 region. New York State is number one in STEM education, and
12 there's so many great schools within the Buffalo and
13 Rochester area. So as far as the workforce for this data
14 center, it would really be no problem.

15 And then lastly, when we look at the host campus,
16 what you see in blue is probably easier to look at than
17 green and yellow. That means that there's 500 buildable
18 acres left after the data center project, plus 100 megawatts
19 of power reserved. So those are being reserved for other
20 opportunities, like Edwards, and -- because Edwards is
21 basically 50 acres, upwards of 300 jobs, 240,000 square foot
22 facility on 50 acres, like I said. So we have 500 buildable
23 acres where we're looking for more opportunities for STAMP.

24 So with that, I think that's the last slide, Jim.

25 **MR. MASSE:** So at this time I will now call the

1 public hearing to order. Any comments received, either
2 written or oral, will be compiled and given to our Board
3 prior to the Board meeting, where a final vote on the
4 proposed incentives will take place. We've already received
5 several written comments regarding the project, both in
6 favor and opposed, which will be included in the
7 administrative record.

8 Before making any comments, we ask that each
9 speaker clearly state their name, municipality where they're
10 from, and whether they're speaking as a member of or on
11 behalf of any group or organization so we can make sure it's
12 accurately reflected in the record.

13 We do have a stenographer here. She asks that you
14 please remain facing this way. It helps her to see you when
15 you're speaking in order that she can get it clearly in the
16 record. If there are any comments in the background, it
17 makes it difficult for her to be able to capture the
18 comments. So we please ask that everybody be respectful for
19 the speakers, and enable it so that she can make sure she
20 can record what you are saying accurately in the record.

21 Each speaker will be given three minutes to provide
22 their comments. You'll be given notice when you have 30
23 seconds left. I think Matt will be the timekeeper. And we
24 will be accepting written comments on the proposed project
25 up to March 31st using the e-mail

1 STREAMPublicHearing@GCEDC.com. I think there's QR codes
2 back there that may have all that information on that to be
3 able to do that. At the end of the sign-up list after
4 everyone has spoken, and we'll get more of them back down
5 here, if anybody else wishes to speak who did not sign up,
6 they'll be then given an opportunity to do so.

7 So at this time, I think we'd like our first
8 speaker to be Chief Scott Logan.

9 **CHIEF SCOTT LOGAN:** (Speaking Native American). My
10 name is Scott Logan. I am the sitting Bear Clan chief for
11 the Tonawanda Senecas. I'm not a full chief yet. Once the
12 condolence goes through I will be a full chief, which means
13 my position will be for life. Unlike elected officials. So
14 that means I have to do what I do for the rest of my life,
15 and I have to continue caring for the people, and my clan,
16 and my medicine relatives, my animal relatives, the bird
17 relatives. I have to. Which I would be anyway, but as a
18 chief I am charged to do that.

19 And I like to start by saying that I one hundred
20 percent say no to the data center and no to STAMP also,
21 because it doesn't make any sense to me to have an
22 industrial park right smack dab in the middle of four wild
23 life management areas and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. Just
24 to have an industrial site near there with all the animals
25 and the wetland, it really makes no sense to me from a

1 humanity standpoint.

2 And I feel that a lot of the paperwork that you
3 guys have submitted and things like that, that's what's
4 missing from it all is humanity. We're not thinking
5 about -- you're not thinking about in seven generations
6 what's going to be over there. What's not going to be over
7 there anymore.

8 You're not thinking about anything like that.
9 You're just thinking about today. You're just thinking
10 about me, right now, today, until I die, and what can I get
11 out of it and what can I do for myself and things like that.
12 It's not -- I have to keep this world going. I have to keep
13 this environment continuing because it's my home.

14 And you can build another data center. You can
15 build somewhere else. As a matter of fact, do that. Build
16 it somewhere else, because we don't want it. Nobody really
17 wants it. They're so sketchy. I mean, you know, you see
18 things about them and there's so little we don't -- and AI
19 for that matter, too. It's just ridiculous to me. I'm
20 still dumbfounded. But let me grab my notes.

21 What I'm holding here is a wampum belt. It is a
22 Gaswehntha in Seneca, but we call it the Two Row Wampum.
23 1613, the Haudenosaunee with the Dutch made this treaty.
24 And what it represents is there's two rows. The purple rows
25 represent -- one row is the Haudenosaunee way of life. All

1 of our ways of life are beliefs, our ceremonies, our
2 government is all in that one stripe. The other one is
3 yours, the Dutch, the Europeans at that time. And whenever
4 we were encountered with another European nation, whether it
5 was the French, whether it was the English and then the
6 colonists, this was applied to them also.

7 And so according to your constitution, it says that
8 treaties are the supreme law. And we are traveling in our
9 boat, in our canoe, and you're traveling in yours. And we
10 stay out of yours if you stay out of ours. That way if we
11 have feet in both boats, you end up in the water. And
12 that's the idea, is that we respect each others way of life
13 and we respect what you believe, and we expect that you
14 respect ours. And putting this right next to our nation
15 defies this.

16 Not only that, but it also defies this one, 1794
17 George Washington Belt. Another treaty with the United
18 States this time and the United States government. Each one
19 represents a colony. 13 colonies at the time. The house in
20 the middle represents the longhouse. The two nations, the
21 two smaller figures on the side represent the elder brothers
22 and the younger brothers, which are our nations. Six
23 nations. And we're split between two elder brothers and
24 younger brothers. And that's what that represents.

25 But you can tell that it has an Europe influence,

1 because our people are smaller and the Europeans are bigger.
2 The colonists are bigger, and their arms go over us.
3 They've always wanted a relationship in the beginning where
4 they were our fathers and we were their sons. They would
5 always say that, and we would always try to say, no, we're
6 equal. And judging from today's, I guess, relations that we
7 have and that I have, this concept is still there. We're
8 still viewed as your children at times, and we just want to
9 be equals.

10 We just want to continue our lives, to continue
11 governing ourselves as we do today. We want to continue to
12 just make sure that our ways that are ancient, that predate
13 any European contact -- our government predates any European
14 contact. And we've been here since time and memorial, and
15 we want to continue that. And this data center and STAMP
16 itself is getting in the way of that.

17 It's causing our community stress. It's going to
18 cause our community health problems in the future with this
19 data center. And I realize with the presentation you guys
20 made it all pretty and dangling the shiny object in front of
21 everybody, but we don't buy it. We're not buying it
22 because --

23 **MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Lies.

24 **CHIEF SCOTT LOGAN:** Well, yeah, that. Also the
25 fact that we were standing here, what, a year ago, and

1 trying to say no to the TAPE permit. Don't drill through
2 the refuge. And you guys didn't listen then. DEC didn't
3 listen then, and they let it go. And then it -- and then it
4 leaked. I mean, and then now you're talking about all these
5 other chemicals that are going to come in, and we don't even
6 know because there's so many holes in the application that
7 it doesn't tell what chemicals are going to be there, it
8 doesn't tell what it's going to do. There's all of these
9 missteps that I feel corporate America is going to fill in
10 later to their own advantage, because that's what's been
11 happening.

12 For GCEDC to make itself the lead agency -- which I
13 realize is a thing. But I sit there and think, how is that
14 even fair to anybody? How is that even fair to the people
15 of this Town? Because they're the ones and the nation that
16 are going to be directly affected by this.

17 And I realize it's bringing jobs for the
18 construction companies that are coming in, but the majority
19 of them probably don't live here, right? They're coming
20 from somewhere else. And I get they have jobs. And I get
21 that. And I'm not against jobs. I'm not against STEM and
22 I'm not against, you know, all of that stuff.

23 And I realize data centers are something that it's
24 the future. But why there? I mean, why there? I mean,
25 there's a bunch of them in Virginia. There's a bunch in

1 Texas. STREAM is from Texas. Why don't they just stay
2 there? Wouldn't it have been cheaper? I don't get it. I
3 realize this isn't question and answer. They probably
4 wouldn't get answered any way.

5 My point is that this is a horrible -- and the tax
6 incentives. Even that. I mean, that is like -- it's gross.
7 It's sick. It's, like, to think that these billionaire
8 companies -- billionaire companies are coming in and getting
9 a tax break. I mean, come on. I mean, they don't need it.
10 Out of anyone in this world, they don't need it. And that
11 money that they would have paid taxes to, it would have gone
12 to so many different things. So many different things.

13 There's people starving in this world. He was
14 talking about the kids and education. Yeah, education.
15 There's something else to put all that money for. I mean,
16 it's just so ridiculous. I just don't understand it. And
17 it saddens me. It really saddens me.

18 I don't live too far within the territory from Big
19 Woods. It's literally across the creek from me. And I go
20 outside and I wonder when I see the eagles fly over --
21 because we see them almost daily. The bald eagles fly over,
22 golden eagles. We see all these animals that are
23 endangered, and they fly over my house almost every day. We
24 were talking about the blue-spotted salamander before being
25 endangered. I find, like, four in my yard. And I'm like --

1 our territory, for whatever reason, is a very unique
2 environmental area. It is very diverse for the place that
3 it's at that.

4 And there are plants there, our medicine relatives,
5 that we are to the point where there are medicine people
6 within the Haudenosaunee from other territories within the
7 Six Nations from other territories and Canada, we're
8 starting to meet to discuss these things because we're
9 concerned about medicine plants, whether it be global
10 warming or industrialization within our territories or at
11 the borders of our territories. And we don't know what to
12 do. We're -- we're afraid that these medicines will go
13 away.

14 Because you can sit here and tell us that, oh, 65
15 decibels is fine and 40 some decibels is fine. It's fine
16 for you, but you don't know what it's going to do the deer.
17 You don't know what it's going to do to the birds. You
18 don't know what it's going to do to the plants. You don't
19 know what it's going to do to over time for 24/7. 24 hours
20 a day, seven days a week, this constant noise. I'm willing
21 to bet a bunch of money, that I don't have, that I'll be
22 able to hear from my house no matter what you guys say. No
23 matter how much you sit there and say. Because you sat
24 there and said it's not going to leak when you drill through
25 the refuge, and that's exactly what happened.

1 And we tried to tell you. And you need to listen
2 to the indigenous people of this world, because we are the
3 stewards of mother earth. That is our responsibility, to
4 live with mother earth, to live with all of these entities,
5 these natural entities, and figure out how to live with it
6 without harming them. Because we know that if they're gone,
7 we're gone. But if humans were gone, they would be fine.
8 They would be totally fine. You take humans out of that --
9 out of that equation, they would be fine. They would
10 flourish, they would survive and it would be fine. But take
11 one of them out, and we're done. We will be done.

12 So like I said, it's just -- I don't understand. I
13 mean, I don't understand. But I do, because it's money.
14 And that's not how I think, so I guess that's why I don't
15 understand. And I fear for my children, my grandchildren.
16 I used to take my son go pick medicine in Big Woods, show
17 him where plants were, teach him about plants. I don't know
18 if he's going to be able to do that. I don't know if those
19 same plants are going to be there. I don't know if he's
20 going to take his grand kids into those woods and stand
21 there and say, long time ago my dad brought me back here and
22 there was all this medicine and it's not here anymore. It's
23 gone, because you don't know. You just don't know what
24 that's going to do.

25 And you guys act like you do and you got all this

1 confidence and -- but you don't, because the world we live
2 in is unpredictable. The environment is unpredictable. The
3 environment and the universe has a mind of its own, and you
4 can't control it. And you can't even think you can. I
5 don't even understand how, you know, this is okay and that's
6 okay. Well, this amount of pollution in the water is okay
7 and this amount of pollution in the water is okay. It's not
8 okay. It's really not. Even just a little bit is not okay,
9 because eventually it grows into something else.

10 We don't have much -- I'm starting to feel like we
11 don't have much time left on this earth because what society
12 is doing to it. And it's all over the whole world. I get
13 it. It's not just here. But we'd like to keep our little
14 piece of the world the way it is, and this is not -- it's
15 going to be a huge, enormous challenge. I really don't know
16 what's going to happen. And as a leader, I fear for my
17 people. I fear for my people's future, and the people of
18 this Town. I mean, it's extremely sad.

19 So I hope that the Town of Alabama Board really,
20 really thinks and really listens to its people, is what I
21 really wish they would do. Because the United States
22 borrowed our form of government to start theirs, and they
23 left a lot of important pieces out, like power to the women
24 and the people. Because I sat in at a board meeting for the
25 Town, and they talked about how we can't get out of this

1 deal, we can't do this, we can't do that. There's no viable
2 reason. And apparently if the town people don't want it,
3 that's not a viable reason, apparently. And I don't
4 understand that. And I thought when they borrowed our form
5 of government that it was for the people. But as I grow and
6 I learn more about it, I realize more that it's not.

7 And so I hope and I plead to the Town of Alabama
8 that we get out of this deal. Because I'm telling you, you
9 put that there and it's -- it's going to be bad. That will
10 be -- your legacy is that you're the Town Board that brought
11 this data center there when that empty shell of a building
12 sitting over there 15 years, when data centers are defunct
13 and this one is not good anymore and then it's outlived its
14 existence and its need. So, please, no data center.

15 **MR. MASSE:** All right. Thank you. Again, I want
16 to state that we are going to limit it to three minutes.
17 Obviously we gave Chief Logan extra time, but we want to
18 keep everybody at three minutes to make sure everybody has
19 an opportunity to come up and speak.

20 So next we'll have Grandell Logan. Come up.

21 **GRANDELL LOGAN:** So my name is Grandell Logan. I'm
22 a member of the Tonawanda Seneca Nations Snipe Clan. I've
23 lived there my entire life, which I know I'm a young man.
24 It hasn't been long, but I've lived there my entire life.
25 And that's my home. That's where I was born. That's where

1 I hope my bones are going to lay some day.

2 And as my dad had just said, I want all the things
3 that I had growing up that he had given me. I want my kids
4 to have that. I want my grand kids to have that. And this
5 stands in the way of that. This hangs over me like an ax
6 right in my neck. And this, I worry that this isn't going
7 to allow us to live another five hundred years. I worry
8 that my customs and usage are at risk for this.

9 I'm going to say it plain. I'm against this data
10 center. I'm against STAMP. I think this is irresponsible.
11 I think these incentives are irresponsible. You're talking
12 about 1.4 billion dollars for a multibillion dollar company.
13 What sense does that make? Again, like he said, why do they
14 need help? They don't need any help from anybody. If
15 anything, it's just making them easier to come here. That's
16 all it is. That's all it seems to be.

17 And I'm going to lay out my main concern, the
18 noise. As Chief Logan had said in the past, he was talking
19 about how STREAM Data Center says that 65 decibels is an
20 acceptable amount of added sound to the sound scheme. 65
21 dBAs. And they minimize it by saying it's a conversation.
22 And maybe it is a conversation. Maybe that's all it is.
23 But the fact remains that we're not in the woods 24/7
24 talking to one another. We're not in there 24/7 talking to
25 the trees, talking to each other. Anyone of these hundreds

1 in this room will tell you the smallest peep and their prey
2 will run, let alone 65 decibels, 45 is the least, going 24/7
3 throughout the night, throughout the day continuously until
4 this thing runs out of its steam.

5 There's no telling what kind of effect that's going
6 to have on the area, to the Big Woods, and that's our main
7 concern. That's my main concern. It is our responsibility
8 as Haudenosaunee people, as Six Nations people to make sure
9 that everything that we have here on earth continues for
10 another seven generations, people typically say. But what
11 that really means is the faces not yet seen. The faces that
12 aren't here yet. The people's whose names we don't even
13 know. That's who we're doing everything for. And this data
14 center stands in the way of that. This data centers stands
15 in the way of that.

16 And quite frankly, relaying it back to as he was
17 taking with the Two Row Wampum, you stay in your boat, we'll
18 stay in our canoe. Let's live side by side. But this isn't
19 how we do it.

20 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Jenna Diamico.

21 **JENNA DIAMICO:** Hi. I'm Jenna from Hamburg. I'm
22 not speaking for myself, though. I'm speaking for Evan
23 Lowenstein from Rochester, New York. Evan is a professional
24 land use and development planner.

25 There are many reasons to oppose the financial

1 incentives request submitted by STREAM U.S. Data Center,
2 including the fact that STAMP and a proposed data center are
3 in terrible locations from a land use and development
4 perspective. Therefore, I call on GCEDC to reject STREAM's
5 extreme incentives application.

6 At its beginning, the STAMP project badly failed a
7 Smart Growth Test required of state agencies by the State
8 Public Infrastructure Policy Act. This allows us to ensure
9 that state agencies do not fund development in locations and
10 ways that fund financial, environmental and equity problems.

11 In the case of STAMP, the Empire State Development
12 Corporation (inaudible) this requirement, Smart Growth Test,
13 yet -- yet GCEDC ignored the results and the law and started
14 funneling money to STAMP. A look at some of the Smart
15 Growth Test criteria that STAMP failed proves that STAMP is
16 in a grossly unsuitable location.

17 Criteria: Utilize existing infrastructure. STAMP
18 will require extensive, extensive complicated new water,
19 waste water and energy infrastructure. Criteria: Locate
20 wholly or partially in existing municipal center. STAMP
21 does nothing of the sort. Criteria: Preserve and enhance
22 the State's agricultural land. STAMP would develop or
23 devour hundreds of acres of prime agricultural land.
24 Criteria: Provide mobility through transportation choices
25 including improve public transportation and reduced

1 automobile dependancy. STAMP's far location would lock
2 employees and all others into automobile dependancy and pile
3 up miles in the process. Transportation is our regions
4 biggest contributor to climate change. And the cost of car
5 ownership is absurd. A new vehicle in the USA averages
6 \$50,000. Annual car related expenses average \$11,000.

7 Criteria: Comply with local land use and building zones and
8 codes. STAMP's plans do not comply with the historical,
9 rural, agricultural zones of the site, so GCEDC got the
10 zoning changed. This change did not suddenly make STAMP
11 suitable for industrial development. In fact, a recent
12 study of STAMP by SUNY College of Environmental Science
13 determined that the site is wholly unsuitable for industrial
14 development. Criteria: Locate in a developed area or one
15 designated for development. STAMP failed this criteria too,
16 but convinced the County to add the entire STAMP site to the
17 County Smart Growth Plan as a development area. The County
18 Smart Growth Plan was passed in 2000 to protect our rural,
19 agricultural lands, economies and character from
20 incompatible development that could hook up to public water
21 pipes coming in. In other words, STAMP is exactly what the
22 Smart Growth Plan was legislated county-wide to stop and
23 should not have been designated a development area in this
24 plan.

25 In summary, STAMP violates both the County and

1 State Smart Growth laws and plans. It is the poster child
2 of all that Smart Growth isn't. At an entry level land use
3 and development planning, STAMP is a deeply unsuitable,
4 ineffective, inappropriate location and site for what's
5 being proposed there.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Valerie Parker-Campbell.

7 **VALERIE PARKER-CAMPBELL:** (Speaking Native
8 American). My name is Valerie Parker. I'm of the Tonawanda
9 Seneca Nation. I'm 46 years old. I've lived on the
10 Tonawanda reservation my whole life. I was born in Buffalo.
11 This is my son, Odin. He is one years old.

12 The last time I spoke in this building I had
13 addressed all the women that were in the building that were
14 of childbearing age, and I didn't know at that time that I
15 was still going to be childbearing age. I am speaking
16 because we are definitely opposed to STAMP and the data
17 center.

18 It is my job and my responsibility as a mother to
19 look out for our children. It is a responsibility to look
20 out for my son. Our children are the original stewards of
21 this land, and it is important to us that we continue to
22 make sure that there's sustenance. Our way of life, our
23 custom and usage is still around for years to come so that
24 our children have something to live for, our grandchildren
25 have something to live for.

1 It's not for certain that my child is going to have
2 something to hunt. It's not for certain that my son is
3 going to have something to fish. It's not for certain that
4 my son is going to have a safe watering hole to go swim at.
5 It's also not for certain that that building isn't going to
6 jeopardize exactly what we have for custom and usage. It's
7 important that our children have something left for. And
8 you are utilizing these schools as infiltration.

9 **MR. FITZGERALD:** 30 seconds.

10 **VALERIE PARKER-CAMPBELL:** I'm going to take six
11 minutes, because I'm talking for somebody that doesn't have
12 a voice yet.

13 Our children are the gatekeepers of this land.
14 Their voices are more important than anybody in this room.
15 Anybody in this room. If you have children, you should know
16 that. You should want better for them. We're not
17 guaranteeing their future. We are already at stake for
18 global warming. How are you going to utilize and set up
19 something at GCC and all these schools -- you're going to
20 utilize the school system over in Oakfield, but yet put
21 those children's lives in jeopardy by not leaving them
22 anything.

23 I don't understand that. I don't understand where
24 your way of thinking is. We are looking out for seven
25 generations. I understand that that might not be your

1 teachings, but that's where we come from. And I would
2 rather bring you that understanding so that you know down
3 the line your children are going to have something. Not a
4 data center. They can't eat data centers. They can't drink
5 a data center. It's not going to work. I don't see it.

6 On behalf of my son Odin and my other son who is an
7 adult, because they're 25 years apart, we say no.

8 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Melissa Smith.

9 **MELISSA SMITH:** I want to be able to make GCEDC hear
10 me, because I don't think they listen very well. Okay. I
11 was told that I'm supposed to write from my heart, but what
12 about GCEDC's heart? Do you have one? I really struggle
13 with writing to people who don't seem to have a sense of
14 community or even family.

15 For 20 years the GCEDC knew the nation was here,
16 but never thought to consult them. What was it, because we
17 weren't taxpayers? You think we're not taxpayers? But was
18 it because our incomes are not on a certain level? Was it
19 because the GCEDC didn't think we could form opinions or
20 voice them? It smells a lot like racism in here.

21 I actually thank you, though, because of your
22 projected monster, that thing up there, you brought us all
23 like minded people together. We are all committed to
24 stopping this environmental catastrophe. The Tonawanda
25 Seneca -- this Tonawanda Seneca belongs to this land, and

1 all of us here that don't want this are of this land too.
2 What I mean is that I don't care about -- I care about all
3 the land. That doesn't stop at my borders. I mean all of
4 nature herself.

5 250 years ago the Tonawanda did not -- Tonawanda
6 nation did not exist yet. It was a gathering place for
7 people to come together. Now it's America's 250th birthday.
8 And I'm sure my ancestors lived with threats, abuse and
9 death due to the growth of an oppressive society who thinks
10 they know more than those who have been here since time and
11 memorial.

12 So bring all that up to the STAMP project 2026. I
13 carry all of that anger. I carry all of that loss. It is
14 in all of us. I oppose everything about this project. I
15 have urged the guy from STREAM to withdraw their
16 application. He was the sacrifice that night, I know, but
17 his company did it to him. I also don't think the GCEDC or
18 the IDA or Genesee County or New York State care at all
19 about the Tonawanda Senecas. I am ready to fight for this
20 forever. It's not done.

21 **MR. MASSE:** Matthew Orleman.

22 **MATTHEW ORLEMAN:** My name is Matthew Orleman. I'm
23 from Corfu. Originally I grew up and I was from Buffalo,
24 New York. I grew up in North Buffalo in Kenmore downstream
25 from the Tonawanda Coke plant. The Tonawanda Coke plant was

1 known for regularly being shut down for the benzene that it
2 polluted into our air. They regularly failed air permits.
3 They were regularly shut down.

4 This center has been -- this center has said that
5 the pollutants that it will be emitting into our air include
6 carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and benzene. Western New York
7 is the cancer capital of America because of the pollution
8 that corporations continue to pump into our air.

9 I'm not going to go down a long winded description
10 of details of why I'm against this project. I have been to
11 all the meetings. I have voiced my opinions. You have
12 heard all the opinions. I am simply going to state that I
13 am here fighting for my children. I am here fighting for
14 the Tonawanda nation. I am here fighting for the neighbors
15 that have to deal with the noise, the pollution and the
16 problems that cooperate America continue to burden the
17 American people with.

18 I am tired of cooperate America having a red carpet
19 unveiled for them for the millions and billions of dollars
20 of business that they rake in to be exploited by the
21 community members, our labor, our environment. It has to
22 stop. You need to listen to the constituents that elected
23 you into your positions.

24 I urge you to go to (inaudible). On there, there
25 is a tab that lists local municipalities and local

1 jurisdictions. It says on there that you are to listen, to
2 make decisions based on the interests and needs of the
3 constituents that elected you and not cooperate America,
4 special lobby groups and investment firms who beg you for
5 tax breaks and corporation breaks so they can destroy our
6 environment and destroy our way of life.

7 Please put an end to this data center. Put an end
8 to the STREAM project. Thank you.

9 **MR. MASSE:** MaryJo McConnell.

10 **MARYJO MCCONNELL:** My name is MaryJo McConnell. I
11 live in Elba, New York. I am here as an independent citizen
12 of Genesee County.

13 I am totally against this STREAM Data Center
14 proposal. I understand that our GCEDC members are appointed
15 by the Genesee County legislature, and that means that you
16 aren't elected, but you do answer to us as taxpayers, and
17 you work for each and every one of us in here. And we do
18 not want this to be in our backyard.

19 It is going to be detrimental for our wildlife, for
20 the Seneca Nation, for our little piece of heaven. We have
21 a wonderful place to live here. Why do we have to have
22 this? You want to give them 1.46 billion tax abatement for
23 approximately, what, 150 jobs? What is that? That's
24 stupid. What a waste of money.

25 You know, who is this big tech company that the

1 GCEDC will not divulge? Yeah. Why will you not divulge
2 that? Is that because there's something to hide? Perhaps
3 this company that is actually behind this is some company
4 that the rest of us, the normal public people, would not
5 like to have involvement with, and we don't want them here
6 with us.

7 I don't -- I don't have much more to say. I
8 understand there's a lot of people that want to speak. But
9 I think that the rest of us that are not happy with your
10 decisions should band together and look into a legal process
11 to stop this crap.

12 **MR. MASSE:** Abby Spindelman.

13 **ABBY SPINDELMAN:** What color is water? I know this
14 isn't an answer or question session, but I'll wait. What
15 color is water? You know. I want to ask them. Blue?
16 Green? Yeah, no, it's clear, until there are minerals or
17 compounds in it. More complex than one simple word answer.

18 Humans, you and I, create jobs through creativity,
19 ingenuity, solving problems and being of service to other
20 people that need what you have. AI takes creativity and
21 ingenuity away, stealing the very thing that we have claimed
22 sets us apart from animals, intelligence.

23 How many lies can you continue to spread about the
24 need for AI and still think the simple lie justifies the
25 complex destruction it ensues -- it ensures? My apologies.

1 Do not support this monstrosity of the proposed data center
2 nor any other development on the STAMP site that is sure to
3 pollute our air and water, destroy important ecosystems for
4 wildlife and permanently denigrate our lives and the
5 surrounding area.

6 The upfront benefits of the union jobs to build a
7 facility do not justify the means of long-term devastation.
8 Let this be another Bass Pro, a proposal that dies in the
9 idea phase. Instead of a Bass Pro, the Outer Harbor. We
10 now have trails, undisturbed wildlands, playgrounds for
11 children and a new waterfront music venue. Something truly
12 for everyone. If AI is so fucking smart and the answers to
13 all our most complex challenges, then use it to design its
14 very own small eco-respectful, eco-resilient storage
15 facility.

16 My name is Abby. I am a resident of Buffalo, and I
17 oppose the data center proposed at the STAMP site and any
18 future data centers. I encourage local law makers and all
19 involved to rethink how our economy can be supported by
20 companies in line with nature, not ones that exploit it.
21 Good night.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Just so people are
23 prepared, I'm going to start naming off two names. So I'll
24 name the person who is going to speak and then the person
25 next so you're aware.

1 So the person to speak is Jennifer Durham, and then
2 the next one up would be Diane Ciurczak.

3 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** All right. So my name is
4 Jennifer Durham. I'm anything but a public speaker, so I
5 apologize. I live approximately three miles from this
6 proposal of a disastrously planned data center at the
7 continuous failing of the STAMP site.

8 Data centers are notoriously known to create an
9 incessant noise at an eight mile radius, 24/7, 365 days.
10 I'm concerned because at night I can hear a train from my
11 house down the road from 12 miles away in Corfu. Okay.
12 Given the distance of the train with the horn, the
13 approximate decibels would be 45. Yet STREAM will say that
14 their plant will be at 60 decibels, give or take, maybe down
15 to 40, 45 at night. Guess what? I would rather hear an
16 occasional train than the incessant noise of the data
17 center.

18 Okay. The other thing is that -- you know, I know
19 you guys all have great points here tonight, and I'm glad to
20 hear them, but I have multiple and I'm going to try my best
21 to get them out.

22 The location alongside the refuge and the
23 reservation will undoubtedly affect the wildlife. What I
24 haven't heard so far is our concerns about our migratory
25 birds, which are very plentiful in our area. Migratory

1 birds, for those who don't understand, they migrate from
2 dusk to dawn. Lighting at night can attract birds from up
3 to three miles away, causing an increased risk of
4 collisions, fatigue which can add to death. Okay. They can
5 run into the beautiful windows that take up the whole
6 frontage of the building and kill the birds. Okay. We have
7 many protected species that we are lucky to have thriving in
8 our community now.

9 So with that, the light pollution will also cause
10 the birds to avoid our habitats, like the refuge and the
11 reservation, because that is a great site as well because
12 it's pristine. And these habitats are essential for their
13 survival, for our survival. And the negative impact on
14 those birds not coming into our areas would collapse our
15 whole ecosystem. You have to look big picture here, and I
16 unfortunately don't feel that that's happening.

17 We have to worry about the negative impact of our
18 fragile water supply. Our area has been through drought
19 after drought the past few years. People's wells are
20 running dry.

21 **MR. FITZGERALD:** 30 seconds.

22 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** I'll probably go over. And
23 STREAM is a known water glutton at 20,000 gallons per day.
24 But also, the waste water will go into the Oakfield water
25 treatment facility, which can't handle that capacity. Or it

1 will go down to Oak Orchard Creek, which will lead to Lake
2 Ontario, destroying our precious limited resources, causing
3 fish kill off, possible contamination due to leaking of fuel
4 coolant and other toxins being utilized by STREAM, and
5 effectively destroying our touring industry.

6 **MR. MASSE:** That's three minutes. If you have
7 something in writing.

8 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** Well, I can finish. It's my last
9 paragraph. Here we go. GCEDC, sir, doesn't care that
10 they've created only one lowly security job at the failed
11 project. You just want to line your pockets and say that
12 you've been successful by opening the data center which
13 creates 125 jobs, not the 9,000 jobs that were promised.

14 We must have a newly updated comprehensive
15 environmental impact study and economic study for our area,
16 noise studies to have a full picture. I implore our Town to
17 really think long and hard before voting yes to STREAM. And
18 if you're not voting this down, you're putting all of our
19 futures at risk.

20 **MR. MASSE:** So next after Diane would be Gary
21 Ciruczak.

22 **DIANE CIURCZAK:** My name is Diane Ciurczak. I'm
23 from Buffalo, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Sierra Club
24 Niagara Group, with members throughout the seven counties of
25 Western New York including Genesee County. And I'm also

1 speaking for the statewide Atlantic Chapter.

2 The Sierra Club opposes the financial incentives
3 request submitted by STREAM Data Centers and Apollo Global
4 Management for their proposed data center complex at STAMP
5 and calls on the GCEDC to reject their inventive
6 application.

7 Before offering the biggest tax break for a data
8 center in the United States history to STREAM and its
9 anonymous tenant, or any incentives at all, GCEDC should
10 consider the following. For the reasons that have already
11 been given by Chief Logan and all the previous speakers, no
12 industrial development should be located at the STAMP site
13 in the first place. This will not be a quiet,
14 environmentally sound development.

15 Secondly, GCEDC must get a fully completed site
16 plan from STREAM and then complete a supplemental
17 environmental impact statement as recommended by the New
18 York State DEC and required by law. In fact, it should
19 follow all the recommendations made by DEC in its recent
20 letters.

21 There are many unanswered questions as to how this
22 behemoth will be constructed, and what impacts it will
23 have on the community and the environment. The 2012 GEIS
24 never contemplating hosting the hyper scale data industry
25 and their impacts were never studied. Data centers are

1 being opposed all around the country. Don't invite one
2 here.

3 The proposed data center will cause noise
4 pollution, as everybody has already mentioned. The 198
5 chillers on the roof, the computers, the diesel generators,
6 the trucks will emit continuous noise and air pollution 24
7 hours a day, every day.

8 Under the law, GCEDC must protect wetlands, but the
9 site plan indicates that the land will be dewatered during
10 construction. Horizontal directional drilling will be used
11 to install telecommunications equipment under several
12 streams. Even though the last time GCEDC did this, they
13 spilled hundreds of gallons of drilling fluid into the
14 Iroquois National Wild Life Refuge.

15 HDD has led to damage to wells in Monroe County,
16 and dewatering has caused communities their water supplies
17 across the country. 500 megawatts of electricity from the
18 New York State grid will be appropriated to this energy hog.
19 500 megawatts is 20 percent of the entire capacity of the
20 Niagara Falls hydroelectric power station. It's enough
21 power for all of Erie County.

22 It will raise electric rates for everyone, because
23 even if some infrastructure at the STAMP is paid for by
24 GCEDC or STREAM, directing that volume of electricity to one
25 user will impact other parts of the grid that will require

1 repair and upgrade. That is going to be paid by all rate
2 payers. And under the law of supply and demand, prices are
3 going to go up. And that's happening in all the states that
4 have hosted the largest number of data centers.

5 NYISO, that runs the grid, has already said that
6 the energy demand from data centers will strain the grid
7 capacity and impact its reliability. The effects of
8 STREAM's backup plan and other -- on users in the event of a
9 power failure is not known or even considered. The project
10 will violate the Climate Leadership Community and Protection
11 Act. It will also violate the Environmental Justice Act.

12 Secondly, also, GCEDC must inform the public of the
13 name of the tenant and other information that's being
14 withheld about who will be operating this data center. The
15 law requires full disclosure of what our government is
16 doing, and there's no law that shields the name of this
17 operator. Why isn't -- why are you hiding the name of this?

18 The application indicates that this tenant is going
19 to be getting a tax break for three billion dollars worth of
20 equipment purchases even though it hasn't made an
21 application for them as required by general municipal law.

22 **MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Put your mic down. Let
23 her talk.

24 **MR. MASSE:** There's a lot of people that want to
25 speak tonight.

1 **DIANE CIURCZAK:** I'm almost done. By separating
2 ownership from the operations, STREAM is going to insulate
3 itself from the consequences of accidents, spills, excessive
4 noise, flooding and all manner of noxious behavior. And
5 that's what's going to happen. GCEDC must comply with the
6 provisions of the CLCPA which safeguards disadvantaged
7 communities and the Environmental Justice Siting Law.

8 Lastly, GCEDC must explain how it's going to meet
9 its goal of creating over 9,000 jobs. Contrary to the CEO
10 comments to the New York Times, jobs do matter and this
11 beautiful place should not become a state sacrifice area so
12 that, according to Mr. Masse, New York State can maintain
13 its competitive edge, as he argues. Thank you.

14 **MR. MASSE:** So after Gary we will have Ann
15 Finneran, would be next.

16 **GARY CIURCZAK:** Hello, everyone. My name is Gary
17 Ciurczak, and I live in Buffalo and I'm speaking for myself
18 as a birder. I'm a bird watcher who is also a member of the
19 Buffalo Ornithological Society, and enjoy multiple trips to
20 the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge each year, one of the
21 several wildlife refuge or management areas, and the
22 Tonawanda Seneca Big Woods very close to STAMP land.

23 Speaking for myself and many birders everywhere, I
24 oppose the financial incentive request submitted by STREAM
25 and Apollo for their proposed data center complex at STAMP.

1 I urge GCEDC to follow all of New York State DEC's
2 recommendations with respect to the SEQOR environmental
3 review process. And I call on GCEDC to reject the
4 incentives application from STREAM and Apollo.

5 Avian researchers have now learned that the
6 specific types of noise generated by data centers have a
7 profoundly negative effect on birds. According to Cornell
8 Lab Nest Watch, with a study involving over 58,000 nests,
9 when it comes to excess noise, forest nesting birds laid a
10 reduced number of eggs, had a higher likelihood of eggs
11 failing and experienced decreased nest success in the
12 noisiest areas as compared to the quietest areas.

13 As it turns out, one of New York's vulnerable
14 species of birds that nests lives and hunts throughout the
15 area that would be used by STREAM is the northern saw-whet
16 owl. It nests in cavities or nest boxes within mature
17 coniferous or mixed -- or mixed forest. This project would
18 take and use the habitat of this vulnerable species. The
19 excess noise would be generated by the initial construction,
20 planned to take about four years, and its continuing
21 operation planned to be 30 years.

22 The complete list of following birds on the New
23 York endangered list that are resident in this area is too
24 long to mention. But those on the endangered list, the
25 highest level list, are the Pied-Billed Grebe, the Least

1 Bittern, the Bald Eagle, the Northern Harrier, the King
2 Rail, the Upland Sandpiper, the Red Knot, the Common Tern,
3 the Least Tern, the Sedge Wren, and Henslow's Sparrow.

4 As these and other common, yet unknown bird and
5 animal species are affected and move out of the area, never
6 to return, the very balance of nature becomes disrupted with
7 unknown results. Is that a legacy that you want to leave to
8 your children, to your grandchildren, and all of your
9 friends and neighbors affected by your decisions?

10 Please join me in opposing this project any way you
11 can. Thank you.

12 **MR. MASSE:** After Ann, we'll have Janet Lenichek.

13 **ANN FINNERAN:** Hi. I'm Ann Finneran. I live in
14 Buffalo, New York. I live in Riverside. I live about a
15 mile from another industrial plant. When the wind blows
16 east, I cannot sleep. There is a sound effect called
17 infrasound. It is extremely low frequency. It impacts
18 people's neurology. I've had tinnitus since I've lived in
19 Buffalo for two years. And I just think that that is a big
20 problem.

21 Another thing. AI is a monster without eyes,
22 without heart, without soul. And if we let it out of the
23 barn -- we've let it out of the barn in a lot of places. We
24 do not have to build a barn for it here, near the bird
25 sanctuary with all the nature around here.

1 I have a comment I'm going to be reading from a
2 Director of Nuclear Information and Resource Service. His
3 name is Timothy Judson, and he is submitting these comments
4 on behalf of NIRS.

5 As part of the public hearing record pursuant to
6 Article 18-A of the New York -- well, I'm not going to get
7 into that -- as well as the SEQR Environmental Review
8 Process for the BUFA Project Double Reed, the data center
9 complex proposed by STREAM U.S. Data Center for the STAMP
10 mega industrial site in Alabama, New York.

11 It's a national organization that supports
12 frontline community concerns about the effects of nuclear
13 power and energy infrastructure. The communities they work
14 with are not enemies. They want to protect the health and
15 economic wellbeing of their families and communities from
16 polluting and exploiting industries. They are seeking
17 sustainable economically and environmentally just solutions
18 that don't sacrifice their health and what they love about
19 where they live.

20 Mr. Judson lives in Syracuse where he has seen more
21 than his fair share of what can only be called bad deals
22 from economic development fraud checks. Decades ago,
23 chemical and manufacturing companies started shutting down
24 factories with good union jobs to pursue cheap labor,
25 leaving us with high unemployment and toxic pollution for

1 generations now.

2 You know what has happened to Onondaga Lake. It is
3 a toxic pool. After that, we waste about -- that was my own
4 comment. After that we wasted over two billion dollars
5 giving companies tax breaks for economic development, but we
6 lost more jobs than they ever created.

7 Then 25 years ago we gave over two million in tax
8 breaks to Pyramid Corporation to triple the size of their
9 mall. The STREAM U.S. -- and it failed. The bank won't
10 foreclose on it because they don't think they can get their
11 money back. The STREAM U.S. Data Center fraud check
12 proposed is destined to be an even worse deal than Destiny
13 USA, the mall, if that's possible. There are so many better
14 uses of 1.4 billion dollars of our taxes.

15 Just one more sentence. At that rate, 11.5 million
16 per job we could pay five times as many people at salaries
17 of 100,000 per year to teach in our schools, provide health
18 care, put solar panels on homes and businesses and replace
19 lead waterlines. So that is -- deny this project. It's
20 bad. It's bad for the area. It is not in keeping with the
21 area's nature. Thank you.

22 **MR. MASSE:** So after Janet, we'll have, I think
23 it's, Kacey Stewart.

24 **JANET LENICHEK:** My name is Janet Lenichek. I live
25 in Williamsville, New York. I've been reading a lot about

1 data centers all over the country, and let me tell you,
2 there is so much wrong with this data center project
3 proposal. It's difficult to know where to begin, but I'll
4 start with tax incentives.

5 There is an assumption that if not for tax
6 incentives being offered STREAM Data would not come to the
7 STAMP site. Yet academic research shows that 75 percent or
8 more of data center projects would locate in a community
9 even without tax incentives. Which begs the question, why
10 are we offering tax incentive in the first place?

11 Apollo Global Management now owns STREAM Data.
12 They had a total revenue of 26.1 billion, with a B, and a
13 net income of 4.6 billion, with a B, in 2024. This private
14 equity company has been doing quite well for decades. In
15 fact, according to a recent report at truthout.org, Apollo's
16 former and their current CEO, who were both founders of the
17 company, both consulted with Jeffrey Epstein in the -- in
18 the 2010s to get advice on how to avoid paying taxes. Not
19 just on their personal wealth, but also for the company.

20 In my opinion, Genesee County should offer more tax
21 incentives to small businesses. Small business to encourage
22 small business, and to encourage farmers who are struggling
23 to survive financially. They shouldn't be offering tax
24 incentives to Apollo Global Management. Let's help our
25 local and regional businesses -- business people instead

1 much these multibillion dollar private equity companies that
2 don't need our help.

3 Data centers are notorious energy hogs that cause
4 electricity costs to increase. This happened in northern
5 Virginia. Electricity rates increased 26 percent over a few
6 years when they let data centers in, and that cost was paid
7 by every rate payer. Data centers create tons of electronic
8 waste because they need to update their equipment very
9 frequently. So who is going to pay for the disposal or the
10 recycling costs? Genesee County? The Town of Alabama? Or
11 do you think Global -- I mean, Apollo Global Management is
12 going to step up and pay for this? I don't know.

13 With regard to the environment. Data centers cause
14 noise, air pollution, water pollution, and they definitely
15 force wildlife to move elsewhere. And honestly, people who
16 unfortunately live close to these data centers want to move
17 elsewhere, but they can't sell their houses.

18 The Tonawanda Seneca Nation will be the people most
19 affected since they rely on hunting in the Big Woods for
20 meat. Will the deer stay in the Big Woods or will they move
21 to find a much better place to live? Thank you.

22 **MR. MASSE:** So after Kacey will be Rebecca LaFevre.

23 **KACEY STEWART:** What's up guys. My name is Kacey
24 Stewart. That's K-A-C-E-Y. I'm a resident of Elba, just
25 down the road here in Genesee County. I work as an

1 environmental studies professor, and so I understand the
2 value of data processing. I need data for my research. I
3 need the servers that they stay on. I need my students to
4 get jobs. I understand jobs. I'm not here to argue the
5 value of those things.

6 But if we're talking about those things, those are
7 the wrong questions. The right question is, is this the
8 best time and the best place for this project and these tax
9 incentives? And the answer is no.

10 When it comes to place, this project -- this
11 proposed project sits between four wildlife refuges. And if
12 this goes through, it will fragment the connection between
13 these vital habitats, these critical wetlands that have so
14 many animals inside of them. Connectivity is crucial for
15 ecology. Put simply, animals do best when they get to move
16 around, when they get to breed with one another in different
17 locations. When we cut them off, when we disturb their
18 ability to move, we limit that. We reduce their health.
19 And this is a big problem.

20 And you guys are thinking about economics, so this
21 translates economically. We've heard tonight every year
22 80,000 people visit Iroquois Wildlife Refuge to go birding,
23 to hunt, to fish. Every year, 28 million -- there's a 28
24 million dollar impact from fishing on the Oak Orchard Creek.
25 So all of this critical habitat, all of that biodiversity,

1 this connectivity that this project would disrupt has a
2 major impact. A 28 million dollar impact of a fishery that
3 would be disturbed, of hunters that will no longer be able
4 to hunt waterfowl. All of these things stand to be lost if
5 this project goes through.

6 The other point is time. 30 years is an incredibly
7 short amount of time. I'm only 33 years old myself. I'd
8 like to think I'm pretty young. The lifespan of this
9 project is only 30 years. When I came to the presentation,
10 whenever that was, I asked again and again, well, what
11 happens after the 30 years? Everyone said, well, new
12 technology will come along. I short of got shrugs. There's
13 no clear plan for what happens after this.

14 And we're here in Western New York. This region is
15 full of the scars of industry coming in, making lots of
16 money and leaving. And who is left to clean up when these
17 sites become brown fields? Who cleans up this? Who gets
18 left with this? The community does. It's not the
19 millionaires, it's not the billionaires. It's, you know,
20 someone in who Texas gets to hold on to a whole lot of money
21 and the people here get left with a big slab of concrete and
22 a whole lot worse than that.

23 So are we ready to take that gamble? Are we ready
24 to make that trade? Please vote no.

25 **MR. MASSE:** After Rebecca, we'll have Frank

1 DiMartino.

2 **REBECCA LEFEVRE:** Hi. My name is Rebecca LeFevre.
3 I'm a Batavia resident. Before I get to my notes, Chief
4 Logan started by holding up that wampum belt. I was in
5 Washington D.C. over the summer at the Museum of Native
6 American History and Culture, and they had a few of those
7 wampum belts on display. And they were absolutely
8 beautiful.

9 And the symbolism of two cultures living side by
10 side, just going down a path, and I felt so, kind of,
11 grieved and embarrassed at how my ancestors, like the Europe
12 colonists who -- to make an assessment of the crowd, we are
13 mostly related to those people -- haven't done a great job
14 on our end of the bargain.

15 And year after year, decade after decade we've
16 failed that. And we have the opportunity to make that right
17 in this situation and respect those who have been taking
18 care of this land long before we got here. And who have
19 actually done a good job of it. Our track record in land
20 management as a people is not so good. Let's follow their
21 example.

22 I'm kind of new to this issue with the STREAM Data
23 Center. And there's a lot of information out there, a lot
24 of articles, and I figured maybe the best way to assess the
25 situation for me would be just to ask AI. So that's what I

1 did. I got my notes from ChatGPT when I asked, do you think
2 permitting the STREAM Data Center to be built in Alabama,
3 New York in Genesee County is a good idea based on the
4 current data?

5 So Chat said, it's a mixed case, but it depends on
6 what you value most. And I got a really good summary, which
7 I won't. Read pages and pages of all the stuff that we've
8 talked about. But the synopsis is, is it a good idea? It
9 makes sense -- yes, it makes sense if your priority is
10 filling the STAMP site with a major tenant, keeping the
11 region competitive in tech infrastructure and attracting
12 large scale investment. It does not make sense if your
13 priority is efficient use after taxpayer money, job creation
14 per dollar spent or minimizing environmental and energy
15 strain.

16 Bottom line, objective take, based on AI, says,
17 economically this is a very weak deal for taxpayers, but a
18 potentially strong deal for regional development
19 positioning. So I asked one more question, which was, what
20 is the best answer if my goals are fiscal responsibility and
21 sustainability, because those were my initial thoughts. If
22 your priorities are fiscal responsibility and environmental
23 sustainability, then the honest answer, based on current
24 data, is, in its current form, the STREAM Data Center
25 proposal is not a good idea.

1 **MR. MASSE:** After Frank DiMartino, we'll have
2 Evelyn Wackett. Is Frank DiMartino here? No. Evelyn
3 Wackett, and then we'll have Matt Hurlbutt after Evelyn.

4 **EVELYN WACKETT:** I, too, struggle with using AI. I
5 don't think I should, but sometimes you just have to ask
6 that question. And I'm one of the short ones, too. This is
7 the reason why I'm here, the Short-Eared Owl. And I
8 volunteer at the SPCA. This picture I took of a short-eared
9 owl that we had to release into the Iroquois National
10 Wildlife Refuge.

11 Okay. My name is Evelyn Wackett. I reside in
12 Black Rock, Buffalo, New York. I am submitting this comment
13 as a New York State Certified Wildlife Rehabilitation
14 Specialist that volunteers at the Erie County SPCA Wildlife
15 Hospital.

16 I'm here to voice critical concerns about the
17 significant negative effects a massive data center at the
18 STAMP site would have on local wildlife. We are currently
19 witnessing the planet's sixth mass extinction event, making
20 the preservation of biodiversity more critical than ever.

21 The area immediately surrounding the proposed STAMP
22 site encompassing the nearly 20,000 acre Iroquois National
23 Wildlife Refuge, the Tonawanda and Oak Orchard Wildlife
24 management areas, and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation Big Woods
25 serves as an indispensable quiet refuge for numerous

1 permanent and migratory species.

2 This habitat is vital for waterfowl for nesting,
3 resting and feeding during critical spring and fall
4 migrations. The STAMP site itself is recognized as occupied
5 habitat for several threatened and endangered species, many
6 of which hold significant cultural importance to the
7 Tonawanda Senecas.

8 These include the Eastern Massasauga Snake, the
9 Pied-Billed Grebe, the Long-Eared Bat, Sedge Wrens, the
10 Northern Harrier Hawk, Cerulean Warblers, the Common Night
11 Hawk, Bobolinks, the Monarch Butterfly and the endangered
12 Short-Eared Owl, also known as *asio flammeus*.

13 Let's examine the Short-Eared Owl specifically, a
14 species particularly vulnerable to the proposed development.
15 The short-eared owl population of Western New York has
16 reportedly decreased by over 30 percent since 2010,
17 according to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. STAMP started in
18 about 2010, did it not? As a largely diurnal species,
19 meaning they're active during the day, these owls depend on
20 this wetland mosaic. And they are ground nesters and rely
21 acutely on their exceptional hearing and sight to detect
22 prey.

23 Data centers are known to produce continuous low
24 frequency sound and ground vibrations, as documented by
25 Business Insider, 9/12/25. These persistent disturbances

1 are highly likely to significantly impair the short-eared
2 owls ability to hear prey, and disrupt their essential
3 resting and nesting behaviors on the ground.

4 A few years ago the SPCA successfully rehabilitated
5 and released a Short-Eared Owl into the Iroquois National
6 Wildlife Refuge. Last year, when I left the public hearing
7 from here, I had the profound experience of seeing a
8 Short-Eared Owl in the wild for the first time in my life.
9 The sighting solidified my conviction that we must continue
10 to advocate fiercely for these creatures who cannot speak
11 for themselves.

12 Approving a massive data center at STAMP with a
13 staggering figure of the 1.46 billion tax abatement package
14 proposed by GCEDC and STREAM, the taxpayers deserve a clear,
15 transparent and compelling justification for such an immense
16 public subsidy. Is this truly a sound investment when
17 weighed against the irreversible environmental degradation
18 it will cause?

19 We must demand accountability and a rigorous
20 independent cost benefit analysis that includes the full
21 environmental cost, not just projected gains for a private
22 corporation. We must prioritize the long-term health of our
23 environment and its precious biodiversity over development
24 that directly conflicts with established wildlife
25 conservation goals.

1 Thank you for considering these vital concerns.

2 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Dee and Larry Lamie.

3 **MATT HURLBUTT:** Good afternoon. Good evening, I
4 should say. So I'm going to be speaking in favor of the
5 STAMP site development as well as your data center project.
6 So this project aligns very well with the race we are in for
7 artificial intelligence, where the United States competes
8 for global investment with China as well as other
9 competitors.

10 Not to mention putting thousands of construction
11 workers on site daily to a build state of the art center and
12 locate this in the middle of one of the key industry
13 corridors in America and the future of our tech hub.
14 Semiconductor investment, leveraging the governors hundreds
15 of millions of dollars in AI intelligence, investment,
16 innovation, R&D at our colleges and universities.
17 Universities like Buffalo, University of Rochester, RIT and
18 many, many more.

19 Our future innovation is tied to most of this
20 investment as well as leveraging the capabilities of our
21 unique ecosystem that is tied to our tech hub as well as
22 this country's future and the state's future supported by
23 the governor. Certainly the United States support as well
24 as the work you're doing on the ground to create new jobs
25 for our future.

1 Again -- so in summary, we support the environment,
2 the development of this outstanding facility as well as
3 looking to bring more investment to not just the STAMP site
4 but Genesee County as well as all of upstate as well. So
5 thank you.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Please. Please, everybody. We are
7 here. We want to have everybody be respectful of everybody
8 and listen to what everybody has to say.

9 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Are you listening?

10 **MR. MASSE:** We're listening to you. We're giving
11 everybody an opportunity to speak. We just ask that you let
12 people speak, please.

13 So after -- after Dee and Larry Lamie, we have
14 Andrew Goldstein next. Andrew Goldstein, and then after
15 that would be Jim Joyner.

16 **ANDREW GOLDSTEIN:** Good evening and thank you for
17 this opportunity. My name is Andrew Goldstein. I live in
18 Buffalo, New York, and I'm speaking for myself.

19 First, let me note that I do agree with many of you
20 that there is a lot of misinformation about this project
21 being floated about. But tonight you are squandering this
22 rare opportunity to help inform the public to correct this
23 misinformation and to clarify the project's benefits and
24 detriments, and to mitigate any misconception.

25 We speak here tonight, but we get no responses. We

1 have not heard enough about this project. This is not what
2 democracy should look like. We ask you not to conclude this
3 public hearing tonight, but to add other meetings. To
4 rethink what needs to be done in this community. Next time,
5 we need to talk in a dialogue between the public and the
6 elected officials. This is not a dialogue, not to the
7 issues at hand.

8 The gift of 1.4 billion dollars in tax abatement to
9 a 19 billion dollar project. It is a big monster of a
10 project. Using enough money to build nine brand new Bills
11 stadiums, if one isn't enough. And the equivalent space for
12 12 Walmart Super Centers.

13 This thing will breathe loudly all day and all
14 night with a constant roar that is as loud as the thruway.
15 It will be heard, and it will be heard endlessly without
16 breaks and by folks miles and miles away. So not only are
17 we concerned about the noise of this plant's operation, but
18 you should be concerned about the destruction of the
19 construction of this monster.

20 Five years of cement trucks rolling down our
21 streets, bulldozers, front end loaders and the endless
22 pounding of pile-ons. In fact, the Micron plant being in
23 Syracuse, the developers are asking to be able to do their
24 construction 24 hours a day, not just during the day. We do
25 not need this here. This is five years of destruction.

1 This community deserves a construction plan before any
2 decisions are made.

3 Finally, a little rare -- a little attention to
4 something that's not been discussed, but why was there an
5 increase in the financial incentive from \$900,000 to 1.4
6 billion dollars? It's clearly a money grab by STREAM Data.
7 The first incentive only included sales tax abatement for
8 the first seven billion dollars in servers.

9 STREAM Data, realizing that since they would need
10 to upgrade these servers six years later, decided why not
11 try for an additional sales tax break. So they came back to
12 you and they cried, please, another 500 million dollars
13 sales tax gift is needed to us, and you gave it them. And
14 you did not even try to explain this to the residents. You
15 just gave it to them. Shameful.

16 I urge the GCEDC to withdraw the whole financial
17 assistance package as STREAM Data and some Fortune 500 AI
18 company as they need no help. Pay taxes like the rest of
19 us. Thank you.

20 **MR. MASSE:** Jim Joyner, and then that would be
21 followed by Amy Perry-Brock.

22 **JIM JOYNER:** Hi. I'm Jim Joyner, just representing
23 myself. I live in Alabama. And to that person that was
24 supporting the construction of this, if this doesn't go
25 through, I don't think he's going to get laid off. There's

1 going to be other jobs around, so I don't know why he's
2 making such a big deal about this project. Probably doesn't
3 even live in this area.

4 This seems like it's being pushed on us very
5 quickly. And I wondered why, and so I looked up some
6 things. I see there's been some -- a bill submitted by the
7 state assembly -- assemblyman and a state senator that will
8 put a moratorium on data center construction for at least
9 three years.

10 Governor Hochul, and I'm not a big fan of her
11 either, she stated that data centers should pay their fair
12 share. I mean, come on. Buffalo Mayor Sean Ryan said
13 incentives don't work. He said when the incentives go away,
14 the companies go away and you're left with empty buildings.
15 What do you do with them? I mean, these are people that at
16 one time supported these things, I think, and now they're
17 saying no. I mean, you got to bring that into
18 consideration.

19 And the noise level and everything else that
20 everybody brought up, they're right on that. I thank the
21 Seneca Nation for sticking up for us. I'd just like to
22 know, why are you trying to push this? Are you trying to
23 make it -- accept it before this legislation goes through?
24 Is that the idea? Why don't you wait the three years, like
25 they're waiting, and really study this. And that's all I

1 got to say.

2 **MR. MASSE:** So after Amy Perry-Brock, Robert
3 Keilman.

4 **AMY PERRY-BROCK:** All right. Thank you. My name
5 is Amy Perry-Brock. I haven't lived in this area for very
6 long, but I will tell you, this is my home. And I don't
7 want trash in my home.

8 All I see when I look around this room is a
9 community coming together, pleading for you to hear them,
10 listen to them. You guys are sweet as can be when you all
11 want a seat somewhere so you can make decisions for us, but
12 then when it comes time to make those decisions that we
13 want, we're talking to the wind.

14 We can all look at what data centers are doing to
15 our country. Nobody is telling us the importance of these
16 data centers either. And if you can't speak of who is
17 building this data center, then why should we care?
18 Anything that has to stay in the dark is not something we
19 should put our sock in.

20 This is a rural community, which means the
21 environment is very important to us. It's an agricultural
22 community. When you roll down the street, all you can see
23 is how picturesque it is. Many of us choose this as our
24 home because we want to get away from pollution, we want to
25 get away from noise, we want to get away from big industry.

1 And now you want to dump it at our feet, when in 30 years --
2 whoop-de-doo.

3 All you keep talking about is in five years you're
4 going to -- everybody had fantastic points about all of the
5 destruction that it's going to bring, our infrastructure is
6 not ready for this. And you know that that business is not
7 going do pull their share.

8 And we're not stupid. When you talk about
9 abatements, we know that they're not getting handed a
10 billion dollars, but we're going to pick up the billion
11 dollars. If anyone one of us in this room wanted to start a
12 business and needed to fund it, we would foot the bill.

13 I'm tired of hearing about corporations pleading
14 for our money and the importance of what they're doing when
15 they can't tell us. I don't need a system that's going to
16 create a stupid meme or another dumb picture or
17 misinformation to divide us further. This area is perfect
18 the way that it is. Use the money, use your voices, use
19 your power and your influence to build up this community and
20 get our backs.

21 And for that, I say thank you for your time and
22 hell no to the data center.

23 **MR. MASSE:** So Robert -- I can't understand. I
24 can't read the last name. Keilman? Something like that.
25 No? All right. Ryan Sage, and then Molly Des Jardin after

1 that.

2 **RYAN SAGE:** Hello. My name is Ryan Sage, and I'm a
3 resident of Alabama. I just wanted to start talking about
4 where my trust in the GCEDC and the STAMP project as a whole
5 has dwindled over time.

6 So the STAMP project was originally supposed to
7 bring in manufacturing jobs into the Town of Alabama, and
8 yet has failed to do so. Other than Edwards Vacuum, it's
9 just the data center. And further comparison, the data
10 center is 60 times the price and sixth the jobs and ten
11 times the size.

12 I'm concerned about how much land is going to be
13 taken up at the data center. Because if your real
14 motivation is to bring in infrastructure jobs into the STAMP
15 project, think about how many other infrastructure projects
16 and the space that it's going to be taking up. Multiple
17 other sites can fit in this data center site with room to
18 spare. What will other infrastructure projects think when
19 deciding on this location to set up shop and seeing it's
20 going to be next to a data center?

21 Another topic is where is that 140 million dollar
22 check going? I know you mentioned it's going to the
23 county's water project, but what safeguards are in place to
24 track this amount of money? If your job is to bring
25 manufacturing jobs into the Town of Alabama, why should I

1 trust you if you haven't done that yet?

2 You are getting paid, in my opinion, to make a
3 terrible decision, and in turn you get a big paycheck of 140
4 million dollars. You have your blinders on as to what the
5 actual repercussions are, and what the Town really wants and
6 what this site is going to be like in the future. This
7 amount of money almost always fails to come with drama and
8 behind the scenes actions without us knowing.

9 Our Town and surrounding area is sick of having
10 infrastructure projects taking up our space, especially with
11 the solar panel explosion closing in on us. Our Town is
12 rapidly becoming undesirable to live in.

13 Lastly, from what I've seen on the news, articles
14 about the ratio of tax exemption to jobs created is the
15 worst New York State history and one of the worse of all the
16 data centers in the entire United States. Which in my
17 opinion, shows how much of a poor investment it is.

18 I'm not here to be anti STAMP project as a whole,
19 per se, but I'm anti bad investment into the STAMP project
20 and what you originally stood for you. Thank you.

21 **MR. MASSE:** So after Molly, Laura Grote (phonetic).

22 **MOLLY DES JARDIN:** My name is Molly Des Jardin. I
23 live in Rochester. I am here to read a comment from Dave
24 Giacherio, who lives in Kent, Orleans County. So when I say
25 I, it's Dave. But I agree with him.

1 I oppose the financial incentives request submitted
2 by STREAM U.S. Data Centers and Apollo Global Management for
3 their proposed data center complex at STAMP. I demand that
4 GCEDC follow all of NYSDEC's recommendations with respect to
5 the SEQR environmental review process. I call on GCEDC to
6 reject the incentive application from STREAM U.S. Data
7 Centers and Apollo Global Management.

8 I used to teach organic chemistry laboratory at
9 Rochester colleges. On the first day of class I would
10 deliver the following message: There is no away. You can't
11 throw something away. Everything goes somewhere. If you
12 throw a dangerous chemical down the sink, it winds up
13 contaminating the waste water stream. If you let it
14 evaporate in a fume hood, it winds up polluting the outside
15 air. Everything goes somewhere.

16 Waste from the data center has to go somewhere.
17 Right now, the awkward, risky plan is to pump raw sewage
18 from the STAMP site seven miles to Oakfield where it will be
19 treated and discharged into an already impaired Oak Orchard
20 Creek. No treatment is perfect at removing pollutants. And
21 the more complicated the treatment, the greater the risk of
22 spills and errors. The plan appears to be to ignore risk,
23 and thus add more pollution to an already polluted waterway.

24 The Oak Orchard River ultimately flows through my
25 community and into Lake Ontario. The river adds

1 immeasurably to our quality of life, and it's critical to
2 fishing, boating and tourism in Orleans County, adding about
3 30 million dollars of economic activity annually. It's one
4 of the best sport fishing sites in north America.
5 Additional pollution puts that at risk.

6 I represent the Oak Orchard Neighborhood
7 Association, a group of about a hundred community residents
8 near Point Breeze. We are in favor of economic growth
9 provided that it's both smart and ethical. The proposed
10 data center STAMP -- data center at STAMP is neither. Our
11 members voted without a single dissenting vote to oppose a
12 data center at STAMP.

13 The proposed data center is a bad idea for the
14 people of Western New York for reasons that include but go
15 well beyond environmental pollution. We believe that it's
16 incumbent upon us, the current generation, to make decisions
17 that future generations will be proud of. Therefore, we
18 oppose the data center at the STAMP site.

19 **MR. MASSE:** After -- is it Laura? Laura. Sorry.
20 After Laura will be Kelly Hallenbeck.

21 **LAURA GROTE:** Hi. My name is Laura. I live in
22 Lockport. I represent the wildlife. As a frequent visitor
23 to the state and federally protected Tonawanda Wildlife
24 Management area and Iroquois National Wildlife refuge, I
25 hike around with my dogs, my kids, my grand kids my friends.

1 And I stand up and paddle board on Old Orchard Creek.

2 As a NOAA certified environmental educator and
3 marine mammal rescuer and rehabber in the Hawaiian Islands,
4 I have seen firsthand how unchecked, unnatural forces effect
5 our delicate ecosystem of land and waterways, so I take a
6 special interest in the preservation of this area with its
7 vast and diverse wildlife population.

8 The continued construction of STAMP would destroy
9 nearly 700 acres of occupied habitat for these vulnerable
10 creatures impacting local and regional diversity. I will
11 also note that on the March 5th meeting with the leaders of
12 this project, I was a little shocked when one of the
13 speakers quickly skimmed over the fact that humans also live
14 near the proposed site stating this monster would be built
15 near marshlands and a few residents, as if they were of no
16 consequence.

17 And they're so-called closed system of chillers
18 seems like a farce to me. There will be leaks, runoff,
19 noise, total disruption of all the residents. We can't
20 believe a word they say. It's about money and control.
21 What about the 20,000 gallons of water per day? Where does
22 that come from? We're in the midst of a worldwide water
23 crisis, and living beings need clean water.

24 At this moment, many towns all over the country are
25 being made sick by data centers. They weren't even aware

1 of -- they weren't even made aware of -- and hundreds more
2 are fighting to stop the madness. It's no coincidence that
3 all this chaos is being thrown at U.S. citizens at once. An
4 unelected regime of oligarchs have designed this. We're
5 being assaulted on all fronts, so we don't know which way to
6 turn and which battle to fight first.

7 Data centers (inaudible) being built without our
8 knowledge or input. Corporate greed, specifically Apollo
9 Global Management and Leon Black, a pedophile, will only
10 make more billions as we struggle to survive. No pedo
11 project in Alabama.

12 I'm not saying take your garbage else where. I'm
13 saying just stop. Stop destroying the planet. Nobody wants
14 this shit, and none of it is beneficial to us. And I just
15 can't stand it.

16 **MR. MASSE:** So Kelly Hallenbeck. After Kelly would
17 be Tom Iorizzo.

18 **KELLY HALLENBECK:** Kelly Hallenbeck from Bergen.
19 Right now, as we know, a very wealthy investment group is
20 planning to build a massive data center in the middle of
21 protected wetlands, right next to a Native American
22 reservation. This isn't just another development project.
23 This is an industrial scale facility being placed among the
24 most sensitive ecological areas in our region.

25 Building a project of this magnitude and subject

1 place raises serious environmental and ethical questions.
2 But just as troubling as the lack of transparency
3 surrounding this project, we are being told that this
4 facility will serve a multibillion dollar tech company.
5 Possibly one of the largest companies in the country. Yet,
6 the public is not allowed to know which company it is. As
7 residents whose land, water and infrastructure will be
8 affected, we are expected to simply accept this without
9 knowing the most basic information.

10 Who is the company behind this project? What kind
11 of employer are they? What kind of cooperate citizen are
12 they in the community where they operate? These are not
13 unreasonable questions. They are the bare minimum that any
14 community deserves before a project of this scale moves
15 forward.

16 There are also legitimate concerns about the
17 investment group behind this proposal. As we all know,
18 Jeffrey Epstein and the founders, their pals, whether or not
19 those connections ultimately prove meaningful, the reality
20 is this secrecy breeds distrust. And right now, the process
21 surrounding this project is full of secrecy.

22 Our community is being asked to accept enormous
23 environmental impacts, massive energy, and possibly water
24 consumption and permanent changes to our landscape while
25 being told that key information must remain confidential.

1 That is not how responsible development works. If this
2 project is truly beneficial, then it should be able to stand
3 in the light. The company involved should be proud to put
4 its name forward. The investors should welcome public
5 scrutiny. And the community most affected should be treated
6 as partners in this decision and not obstacles.

7 And I ask you for the impossible. We are asking
8 for transparency, accountability, and respect for the land
9 and the people who are already here. Before any project of
10 this magnitude moves forward, the public deserves answers.
11 To be clear, I oppose the financial incentives request
12 submitted by STREAM U.S. Data Centers. I demand that the
13 GCEDC follow all of the DEC recommendations, and I call on
14 GCEDC to reject the incentives application from STREAM U.S.
15 Data Centers.

16 **MR. MASSE:** After Tom we'll have Sharon Larson.

17 **TOM IORIZZO:** My name is Tom Iorizzo, and I
18 represent the Carpenters Union, Local 276 locally and the
19 North Atlantic States Regional Carpenters regionally, which
20 is 30,000 carpenters regionally and 2,000 carpenters
21 locally.

22 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** What town do you live
23 in, Tom?

24 **TOM IORIZZO:** What town do I live in? Batavia. I
25 love living in Batavia. I'm originally from Oswego where we

1 had three nuclear power plants. Anyway, as long as we're on
2 that note. I'm here to support the Carpenters Union and
3 strongly -- not support, strongly support this project.
4 This will bring good paying jobs to the men and women and
5 the apprentices of the Carpenters Union and the other unions
6 that will be on this project.

7 The recent project that this group endorsed, I was
8 able to bring in over 130 local people into the Carpenters
9 Union through our apprenticeship program because there's
10 local labor on this project. That changed 130 people's
11 lives. 130 people.

12 We work with many different organizations both
13 locally, both in Buffalo, Rochester, all the BOCES in the
14 area right. We need projects like this to put people to
15 work. Five years -- this will be a five-year project. I
16 understand the concerns of some of the people in the room,
17 but I'm here to talk about the working men and women of the
18 Carpenters Union and what this job project will provide for
19 us. Also, the retirees of the Carpenters Union. So we get
20 health benefits. We get retirement benefits.

21 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Must be nice.

22 **TOM IORIZZO:** It is nice. If you would like to
23 join, meet me in the parking lot afterwards. The bottom
24 line is this project will also be a prevailing wage job,
25 which provides good benefits and wages to the people that

1 are on the job. So I thank the committee, and good luck on
2 the project.

3 **MR. MASSE:** After Sharon we have Marianne Malaro.

4 **SHARON LARSON:** Good evening, everyone. My name is
5 Sharon Larson. I live in the Town of Alabama. I oppose the
6 financial incentives request submitted by STREAM Data
7 Centers and Apollo Global Management for their proposed data
8 center complex at STAMP.

9 I demand that GCEDC follow all of the New York
10 State Department of Economic -- sorry, the New York DCEC's
11 recommendations with respect to the SEQOR and environmental
12 review process. I call on GCEDC to reject the incentives
13 application from Stream U.S. Data Center and Apollo
14 Management.

15 Over the next few weeks we have the opportunity to
16 safeguard our future of this Town, a place that I love and
17 I'm sure most of us here too. I live here because I like
18 our way of life. It's peaceful. It's quiet. It's rural.
19 It's beautiful. It's full of nature. And now we need to
20 come together as a Town to protect this precious way of life
21 from this major threat, a monster data center complex that
22 U.S. STREAM Data Centers and its financial backer, Apollo
23 Global Management, are trying to build at the STAMP mega
24 industrial site.

25 If you've lived here more than a few years, like

1 me, you may remember when the idea of STAMP was first
2 brought to our Town back in 2012. Back then, the developer,
3 the GCEDC, the Genesee Economic -- County Economic
4 Development Center made a lot of promises. Jobs,
5 improvement for our Town, economic development for the
6 entire region.

7 I was at some of those meetings, and I can tell you
8 the Town residents raised a lot of concerns. What was going
9 to be the safety and health consequences of bringing an
10 industrial development here? Does the GCEDC's vision of
11 advanced manufacturing making sense for our community? Is
12 GCEDC making a lot of empty promises?

13 If you go back and read the news coverage at the
14 time, people asked a lot of questions that predicted the
15 situation we are in right now. Because today, nearly 20
16 years later, the GCEDC has not kept its promises. There
17 aren't any advanced manufacturing jobs.

18 One of only two confirmed tenants at the site
19 today, Plug Power, has just announced its intention to
20 abandon its planned green hydrogen production plant at STAMP
21 and its commitment to paying any future PILOT payments to
22 the Town, the school district and the county. Proving that
23 cooperate PILOTs are not a reliable source of funds.

24 And now the GCEDC is trying to shove this massive
25 noisy, data center complex down our throats. A monster that

1 will ruin our peaceful home, pollute our air, pollute our
2 water, scare away the wildlife, jack up our electric bills
3 and drive down our property values, and invite a
4 multinational corporations with a terrible track record into
5 our community, all for very few jobs. And while making a
6 lot of profit for a big tech company, and the GCEDC refuses
7 to even identify that company.

8 If the data center comes to our Town, it will
9 change this place forever in bad ways. It will make this
10 place a place we don't want to raise our children, where we
11 can't hunt in the swamps or fish. And whether it's constant
12 noise, and where cancer rates could possibly go up from
13 people breathing the diesel generator exhaust.

14 **MR. MASSE:** After Marianne, Anne Bacon.

15 **MARIANNE MALARO:** Hi. My name is Marianne Malaro.
16 I've lived in this area for 44 years. The STREAM/Apollo
17 Data Center is a bad idea for our community. STREAM and
18 Apollo do not have the Town of Alabama's best interest at
19 heart, and neither does GCEDC.

20 We cannot allow them to get away with ruining our
21 way of life for their cooperate gain. Yes, the Town of
22 Alabama signed an agreement with GCEDC in 2012, but that's
23 not the end of story. We can and we must renegotiate the
24 agreement so that it actually protects us as a town, so that
25 we, the residents, have a real say over what companies we

1 bring here and under what terms.

2 We cannot let ourselves be held hostage by this
3 document that was signed by people who are no longer in
4 office, who could not have predicted what STAMP would be in
5 2026 and definitely could not have predicted the harms
6 proposed by a giant, sprawling, hyper scale data center
7 complex that will be used for generative AI.

8 It's time that the Town of Alabama hold a new
9 referendum on the STAMP site, and what we actually want to
10 see here, our vision for our economic development, what
11 needs that the site can meet now, what we actually want to
12 spend 1.46 billion in taxpayer dollars instead of giant
13 warehouses full of computers that don't make anything
14 useful. And, yes, that is how much STREAM and Apollo are
15 asking. I know a lot of people want a playground, an indoor
16 recreation center, good jobs that will create future
17 opportunities for our local population without sacrificing
18 the nature we love.

19 The first step in this process, keep showing up and
20 making your voices heard over the next few weeks. I know it
21 feels the powers to be do not care what we think. And
22 honestly, it really doesn't seem like they do. By coming
23 together and demanding their attention, we make them care,
24 we hold them accountable. You're supposed to work for us,
25 the local residents. Not big tech, not private equity, not

1 for themselves, but for the townspeople of Alabama and the
2 whole region. GCEDC, STREAM, Apollo, and our own town and
3 town government need to hear from you.

4 People who lack moral compasses can be difficult to
5 deal with because they often make decisions that will
6 negatively affect those around them. There are some
7 signs -- these are some signs of a strong moral compass that
8 GCEDC is lacking.

9 One: Honesty. Being truthful and not lying to the
10 people for their own gain. Respect -- two: Respect. Treat
11 others with respect even if they have a different background
12 or belief system than yours. Three: Humanity. Not being
13 arrogant and avoiding boasting. Four: Reliability.
14 Keeping your word and being dependable to those who comment.
15 Five: Accountability. Taking responsibility for your
16 actions and your mistakes. Six: Loyalty. Being faithful
17 and supportive of people in your life. Seven: Kindness.
18 Being kind to others and helping them as much as possible.
19 Eight: Thoughtfulness. Being considerate towards other
20 people. Nine: Selflessness. Being quick to help and
21 putting others needs before your own. Ten:
22 Trustworthiness. Being honest, not stealing, not cheating
23 on or manipulating others. Eleven: Compassion. Being
24 empathetic towards the plight of others.

25 Concern regarding GCEDC's moral compass and

1 decision making. The actions of GCEDC raises serious
2 questions about its moral compass, particularly in relation
3 to the wellbeing of the residents of the Town of Alabama,
4 the Tonawanda reservation and the surrounding wildlife
5 refuge. Rather than demonstrating qualities such as
6 honesty, respect, thoughtfulness and accountability, GCEDC
7 appears to force an ill suited project into the community.

8 The analogy of putting a square peg -- a square
9 block in a round hole illustrates their determination to
10 implement a data center in a location that is fundamentally
11 incapable with its intended use. The proposed data center
12 will be situated in the heart of 20,000 acre wildlife refuge
13 directly adjacent to a Native American reservation and
14 surrounded by active farming.

15 This scenario numerous come with numerous
16 complicated variables including the environmental concerns,
17 the impact on native lands and the destruction of industrial
18 activities. The approach taken by GCEDC lacks -- suggests a
19 lack of consideration for those critical factors and the
20 voices of those who will be most affected by the
21 development.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. After Anne Bacon would be
23 David Beatty.

24 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** David left.

25 **MR. MASSE:** Okay. Thank you. So then looks like

1 maybe Ronald Thurber.

2 **ANNE BACON:** Hi. My name is Anne Bacon. My
3 husband and I moved to Alabama in 2003, and we've lived at
4 the boundary of STAMP before STAMP was even proposed.

5 My statement today is about transparency, judging
6 information on its own merit, recognizing that every
7 financial benefit comes with a cost. If I've learned
8 anything in the six years that I've been around, it's that
9 there's no such thing as a free lunch or a magic pot of gold
10 that's going to fund it.

11 There are several examples of financial pieces that
12 are either missing or confusing or just not as good as they
13 look at first glance when you look at the materials that
14 were posted for the meeting. Some of them that were just
15 posted a few days ago.

16 The current cost estimate show that about 3.4
17 billion will be spent locally on construction. That's not a
18 small number, and I'm sure that that's one of the reasons
19 that the construction industry is so gung ho about this.
20 But, it also means, if you look at the rest of the numbers,
21 16 billion of STREAM's investment is going outside this
22 region. That's materials that they manufactured elsewhere,
23 prefabricated components, assembled on site, labor that's
24 brought in from outside the area and equipment to operate
25 the data center.

1 The financial analysis shows that only 60 percent
2 of the construction workforce -- that 60 percent of the
3 construction workforce will come outside of 14 counties.
4 Not even just the few counties of this region. 14 counties
5 outside of this region. Only 17 percent of the project
6 costs are benefitting local economy, but a hundred percent
7 of the ongoing operational and environmental impacts will
8 remain here in Alabama.

9 Regarding the real estate for the data center.
10 Using the county records and the STREAM application where
11 they list the parcels that they're going to be considering
12 or portions of the parcels, it looks like GCEDC and its
13 subsidiaries paid at most four million dollars for that 500
14 hundred acres. STREAM isn't looking to use those 500 acres.
15 They've asked for 90 acres for permanent and 40 acres
16 temporarily.

17 In their application, they talk about a 210 million
18 dollar expense for the land, engineering, architecture and
19 blueprint fees. I'm sure a majority of that will be toward
20 the land. That's not part of the cost benefit analysis. We
21 don't see what those numbers are.

22 **MR. FITZGERALD:** 30 seconds.

23 **ANNE BACON:** I may need a few more. I hope that
24 that's okay. Based on the past practice at STAMP, we would
25 expect that the sale price to be many times higher than the

1 original acquisition fee, but we can't tell from what the
2 purchase price is or how those proceeds are going to be
3 split out. Without that information the public can't know
4 how much or who benefits from that transaction.

5 It's also important to note that those parcels have
6 been off the tax rolls. Not just them, but the rest of the
7 land that's been purchased and the houses torn down have
8 been off the tax rolls for more than a decade, and they will
9 remain off for decades more. The PILOT (inaudible) are
10 supposed to offset this, but again, it's the Alabama
11 residents that are going to carry the burden while others
12 receive the financial benefits. Just a couple more
13 paragraphs, Mark.

14 Being able to objectively review a project requires
15 consistent details and transparency. GCEDC is not a neutral
16 party in this process. Among other things, they're the
17 reviewer of the STREAM's financial and environmental
18 applications, the landowner and the primary beneficiary of
19 the sale, the paid administrator of the tax PILOT incentive
20 and a recipient of 146 million in project fees.

21 We're not here to stop the development. We're here
22 because these decisions made on the application shape our
23 daily lives and our future. We're asking GCEDC to ensure
24 that the information being used to make these decisions is
25 complete, consistent and available to us in a timely manner

1 to see and to make sure that your environmental review looks
2 at the project as it is today. Not based on assumptions in
3 2012. You look at your computers. You look at your phones.
4 That's not what they look like. This is a bigger deal.

5 For the site parameter residents, none of this is
6 abstract. It's not about a spreadsheet or a projection.
7 It's our homes. It's where we raised our families, where we
8 sleep at night, and where we've lived for almost two decades
9 of uncertainty of what this project will mean to our daily
10 lives, our property values and our quality of life.

11 We deserve a process that's transparent, accurate
12 and something the community can live with. A 2.2 million
13 square foot campus or 350,000 square feet per floor is not a
14 good fit.

15 **MR. MASSE:** So Ron Thurber. After Ron we'll have
16 Christina Mortellaro.

17 **RON THURBER:** Good evening. I'd like to thank
18 everybody that's not from the Town of Alabama that has spoke
19 tonight. I am a person that lives right on Ham Road, right
20 next to the STAMP project that is very, very concerned about
21 the environmental impacts it's going to have on me.

22 I've heard about the different chemicals that are
23 going to be in the air. We have westerly winds. It's going
24 do directly effect me. I've also been told and informed
25 that the sewage line is going to go down my road, and I'm

1 not -- some people say it's okay, some people say it's not.
2 I have not been approached in any way shape or form about
3 that aspect of what's going on with this project.

4 Which leads me to the fact of the transparency that
5 GCEDC has purported, that seems to be almost too secretive.
6 It was almost the same as when we had the review for the
7 roundabout with the transportation department at Ledge Road
8 and 77. They wanted to put a roundabout there, and the Town
9 got together they changed their minds. We can change the
10 minds of the GCEDC here.

11 The other thing is, starting in 2012 we were never
12 really -- you know, it was talked about, and it never was
13 really brought to my attention that what we were going to do
14 with it. And once it did get started, we had time after
15 time, opportunities failed to bring in these industrial for
16 whatever reason. We already got a track record of only 50
17 percent is successful. Is this going to be successful just
18 because it's so big?

19 I don't approve of the tax incentives. I think
20 it's way, way overkill. And I want to know if you factored
21 in anything for the residents that live directly around the
22 area, in the Village of Alabama itself. Are you going to
23 factor in the decrease in our property values because of
24 this industrial site?

25 **MR. MASSE:** Next was David Caligiuri, but I think

1 somebody read on his behalf.

2 **MR. CALIGIURI:** No, I'm here.

3 **CHRISTINA MORTELLARO:** Hello. My name is Christina
4 Mortellaro-Frank. I'm a resident of Batavia, New York. I'm
5 here to read the testimony of Kasia Tarczynska. She's a
6 senior research analyst from Good Jobs First.

7 My name is Kasia Tarczynska, and I'm a senior
8 research analyst with Good Jobs First, a non-profit,
9 non-partisan research organization. We promote transparency
10 and accountability in economic development incentives, and
11 have studied data center subsidies since 2016. We submit
12 these comments as part of a public hearing record pursuant
13 to Article 18-A of the New York General Municipal Law
14 pertaining to the data center complex proposed by STREAM
15 U.S. Data Centers for the STAMP mega industrial site in
16 Alabama, New York.

17 Based on our research, the project raises serious
18 concerns. While GCEDC highlights that PILOT payments may
19 exceed property taxes, this ignores the full subsidy package
20 that totals 1.4 billion in lost tax revenue even after the
21 PILOT payments. The largest subsidy is the sales tax
22 exemption on buying equipment. This tax break is 1.4
23 billion dollars alone. Unlike the property tax arrangement,
24 there is no PILOT to offset this tax break. The company is
25 expected to pay only 270 million dollars in sales tax over

1 30 years. Meaning, the sales tax subsidy is five times more
2 than what the company will pay.

3 On top of that, the package also includes a 30
4 million dollar in mortgage tax breaks. Again, with no
5 offsets. GCEDC argues that this is not a transfer of
6 current or future taxpayer money, it is not a cash pay to
7 the company. I strongly disagree with this statement. This
8 is a tax revenue that the company without the tax break
9 would have paid into local budgets to pay for public safety,
10 public health programs, education and other community needs
11 across the county.

12 Lets be clear. This is a direct transfer of wealth
13 from every resident of Genesee County to Apollo Global
14 Management, one of the world's -- one of the world's
15 largest, biggest private equity firms and its billionaire
16 owners and shareholders. The project promises 125 permanent
17 jobs. This is a million -- 11 million dollars in lost tax
18 revenue per job. One of the highest public costs we have
19 ever seen. At this rate, workers whose jobs are subsidized
20 won't be able to generate enough new tax revenue through
21 payroll taxes or other tax to recover those millions of
22 dollars given to the company for their jobs.

23 And according to the Stream U.S. Data Center
24 project cost benefit calculator executive summary, which
25 came out on March 12th, a week ago, the projected 600

1 construction jobs, not 6,000, are spread over five years,
2 and those jobs are not all at once. 60 percent of those
3 workers are coming from outside of the region, according to
4 GCEDC. Meaning there's no guarantee that they will spend
5 their earnings locally, supporting regional economy.

6 Finally, last paragraph, the data center industry
7 is expanding rapidly, fueled by demand for AI and Cloud
8 computing, and backed by massive private investment. Its
9 potential harms to workers and communities are unknown.
10 This is not an industry that requires public financial
11 support to do their private business. Thank you.

12 **MR. MASSE:** So after David would be -- I think it's
13 Maggie Harter.

14 **DAVID CALIGIURI:** My name is David Caligiuri. I'm
15 from Buffalo. I'm a member of the Clean Air Coalition.
16 Although tonight I'm speaking for myself.

17 I'm totally against the proposed incentives for
18 this data center. I believe in people and planet before
19 profits. This is all about profits. This is all about
20 greed and money, including the GCEDC. How much money are
21 you getting from all of this? That's the part that bothers
22 me the most. How can you have an objective look at all of
23 this if the money is going back into pocket? And that's
24 pretty disgusting if you ask me.

25 You are totally disregarding the lives of the

1 indigenous people that are right alongside this dump. We've
2 got the beautiful wetlands all around. It's just insane. I
3 took a walk there tonight with my friends, watching the
4 birds, watching the bald eagle go over head, the symbol of
5 our country. And what's going to happen when this monster
6 is in place? Those birds are going to go. They're not
7 going to be there anymore. The plants for these people,
8 their medicines, their histories are going to be gone, and
9 that's just -- that's just disgusting.

10 Like my hat says, indigenous rights are human
11 rights, and you need to follow the agreement we made with
12 these people. Thank you.

13 **MR. MASSE:** So after Maggie, Jozef O'Malley.

14 **MAGGIE HARTER:** Hi. My name is Maggie Harter. I'm
15 from Buffalo, a little bit down the river from here. Thanks
16 for visiting for the last ten years our Tonawanda neighbors,
17 but I'd like to ask you on my behalf to please go home.

18 Speaking as a New Yorker, I don't feel that you're
19 entitled to 1.4 billion dollars in tax breaks. And the fact
20 of the matter is that we don't need data center expansion.
21 Like, I'm in support of the data center moratorium and,
22 like, Senator Bernie Sanders. I think everyone should go
23 home and reach out to Senator Sanders.

24 You know, AI models have been drained
25 problematically, environmentally, disastrously at the hands

1 of these tech bros, the five white men that are sitting here
2 and their like. But, you know, most data centers in the
3 future are being used for streaming services, are being used
4 for video facial surveilling, they're being used for
5 imaginary money in the name of Bitcoin and mathematical
6 computation to the stars for imagination. We have Ethereum,
7 guys.

8 So, you know, you can do it. Like, AI exists.
9 It's actually not something to be scared of. Go down
10 (inaudible) and hire yourself an AI lawyer and figure out
11 how to file a pro se lawsuit against these people. They
12 will tell you, as (inaudible) already has, you know, this is
13 a Ponzi scheme. This is another fracking scheme.

14 You didn't come here to repay the Tonawanda Nation
15 for contaminating their land. You came to do it again. And
16 hydrogen -- hydrogen -- hydrogen from methane eighteen.
17 Hydrogen comes from water. You split it apart with
18 electricity. It's foolish. Fossils fuels in general.

19 I think AI will tell you 14.5 million lives are
20 being lost every year in the Congo to support your supply
21 chains. The environment is so much bigger than what happens
22 on that wildlife refuge. And I love that wildlife refuge.
23 I saw the northern lights at that wildlife refuge. I saw
24 the owls at that wildlife refuge. I touched two foxes. It
25 was magical. I don't think you would understanding.

1 So basically what I got to say -- I'm under time,
2 amazingly -- is find another way to create jobs. I mean,
3 rates are going to go up with Kathy Hochul's new pipeline.
4 We got problems on problems on problems, and billionaires
5 are 99 percent of them. Like I said, somehow I ended up at
6 the end of what I got to say.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. After Jozef, Michael Saeli.

8 **JOZEF O'MALLEY:** Well, you've already heard my
9 name. I'm from Buffalo. The name should be familiar
10 because I have, since last year, on March 27th, 2025,
11 submitted 21 FOIL requests -- that's Freedom of Information
12 Law requests or FOIA requests -- to the GCEDC. Of those 21
13 submitted FOIL requests, only one has been partially
14 fulfilled. It has been over a year since I first submitted.
15 I actually started yesterday, that was March 17th of 2025,
16 very shortly after I was last in this particular town hall,
17 that I asked for information.

18 And we've heard from many people today that
19 information is what they want, and you guys sit here
20 silently and watch us speak to you. And as a teacher and as
21 someone who cares deeply about the environmental wellbeing
22 of our region, I'm not going to stand here and talk to you
23 like you're stupid, because that's the easiest way to
24 alienate you. But what I will say is everything the people
25 have said about the wetlands, about the birds, about the

1 native people of this land is accurate, is true. And you
2 know that, because you're not stupid.

3 I oppose the development of any data center at
4 STAMP, and I absolutely oppose footing the bill for this
5 risky and ecologically detrimental plan with our tax
6 dollars. They are our tax dollars. They would be if you
7 weren't handing them out for free. But if STREAM believes
8 that this data center requires 1.46 billion dollars in
9 subsidies to be a worthwhile investment, they should find
10 some other suckers to pay for their bad business decisions.

11 If I wanted my mortgage taxes abated, and I went to
12 Sean Ryan today and asked him for that, he would say, fuck
13 no. And yet you sit here and you tell me that a company
14 owned by billionaires can't afford to pay their own taxes,
15 and yet you think that they're going to be profitable? That
16 they're going to bring jobs here? You're going to hand them
17 the keys to your town so that they can come in here and use
18 your land, your water, your resources poorly, and then not
19 pay you anything back.

20 Beyond the economic costs, the proposed data center
21 poses a huge risk to the wildlife in the region. I'm both
22 professionally and personally invested in this. I have a
23 bachelor's and a master's degree in biological sciences.
24 I've studied changing marsh ecotones. I've studied
25 microbial ecology. And I've also most recently studied

1 endangered bird reproduction.

2 I'm also a recreational birder and hiker at
3 Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. And as the GCEDC is well
4 aware, because the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce
5 website says it, the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge is
6 part of the Atlantic Flyway, a major migratory bird area.
7 This data center would create noise and light pollution that
8 would make it very difficult, if not impossible, for these
9 migratory birds to use this area. They have been using this
10 area for much longer than we have. Birds are prehistoric.
11 We have been here for a couple tens of thousands of years.

12 Additionally, just a few weeks ago, bald eagle
13 chicks hatched less than five miles away from the proposed
14 site for the data center. Given the choice between
15 preserving a known occupied habitat for bald eagles, whose
16 population rebound took over 45 years and countless hours of
17 advocacy to achieve, for a data center producing slop and
18 brain rot with poor quality information and discourages
19 critical thinking and media literacy, I'll take the eagle
20 babies.

21 As I mentioned, I have asked for information. We
22 have all asked for information. We want to know how the
23 hell you decided this was a good idea, because you seem
24 pretty fucking confident. And I would like to have the same
25 confidence, but I don't think I'm going to, because to date

1 I have asked for a year for you to produce any information
2 that could reasonably convince someone with basic media
3 literacy that this is a good idea, and I have yet to see a
4 lick of it. Thank you.

5 **MR. MASSE:** After Michael Saeli will be Barbara
6 Jonathan.

7 **MICHAEL SAELI:** Hello. I'm a lifelong resident of
8 Pembroke. I'm very against this, you know, what's going on
9 here. I've watched a lot of projects with you guys go
10 through in this area, and I could spend more than three
11 minutes going through just your failures in the last ten
12 years.

13 How about the Ellicott building in Batavia? What a
14 flop that was, huh? In Pembroke you just did an apartment
15 complex. You gave them the biggest tax breaks ever in the
16 history of the Town of Pembroke. That was according to our
17 tax assessor, Deborah Conti, at the meetings. People came
18 and spoke against it. You closed the doors and still voted
19 for it to go through. So you don't listen to the residents
20 or the people at all.

21 50 years ago when I went to Pembroke schools we got
22 a computer in Pembroke school. One of the very first ones.
23 It took a whole classroom. The computer was the size of a
24 classroom for one computer in our school. A cell phone is
25 now -- how many cell phones would fit in a school classroom?

1 Okay. This two million square foot data center in ten years
2 might only have to be ten thousand square feet. That's the
3 truth of the technology that's coming out now. These giant
4 million square foot, 14 billion dollars, put that into
5 perspective of a football stadium. Put that into
6 perspective just in Genesee County.

7 If you take out the City of Batavia, is the total
8 property value and the complete Genesee County worth 14
9 billion dollars? Pembroke just reassessed our taxes last
10 year. Now our entire Town of Pembroke is worth around 700
11 million dollars. I'm not sure of the exact numbers. I
12 might be talking out my ass, but it's about that.

13 So if you took every town in Genesee County, is the
14 net worth 14 billion dollars? So one building in the middle
15 of the swamp is going to be worth more than the -- all the
16 households, all the farms and everything in Genesee County.
17 Am I doing my math right? And then you're going to give
18 them tax breaks so they don't have to pay tax on the value.

19 If they built this and paid their fair share of
20 taxes, like we as homeowners do -- I live on my great
21 grandfather's property. Been paying taxes for a hundred
22 years -- nobody in Genesee County would ever have to pay
23 taxes again. Right? Am I doing my math right? I don't
24 understand this.

25 You know, you guys, you keep doing things that

1 people don't want. The entire Town of Alabama here. And if
2 you voted, there's not a single person that wants it in
3 their town. Maybe I'm wrong with that, too. Is there
4 anybody in the Town of Alabama that wants it in their town?
5 Raise your hand. Anybody? You guys got to start to listen
6 to the people that live in these areas. This is just -- how
7 ridiculous can this be, to do something like this in the
8 middle not only of the national wildlife refuge, but the
9 Indian reservation.

10 And to all of our Indian neighbors who I've lived
11 next to my entire life, you guys need to get more of your
12 clan going. These giant casinos and everything with these
13 giant lawyers, they should be here speaking for you too.
14 You know what I mean? We got to get together on this to try
15 to stop this. Because these guys sit here and listen, but
16 that's all we're going is blah, blah, blah to them.

17 We can talk until 1:00 in the morning, and then
18 they'll close the doors and they're going to vote to pass
19 it. Five thousand people can speak against it and they're
20 still going to vote for it unless we really do something
21 about it. It's plain and simple truth. The County value
22 isn't as much as one building you want to build in the
23 middle of a swamp in the wetlands. Think about that. Put
24 that into perspective, would you?

25 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. After Barbara, Jonathan --

1 **MAGGIE HARTER:** Can I get my last 20 seconds?

2 **MR. MASSE:** We got a lot of people we got to get
3 through. I'm sorry.

4 **MAGGIE HARTER:** I just wanted to say that you came
5 and you asked the Chief of the Tonawanda Senecas what to do,
6 and that there is a bunch of preponderance of other evidence
7 is the thing separate from the fact that he brought a
8 satchel with a 400 year old treaty.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Barbara Jonathan. After Barbara would
10 be Jerry Bacon.

11 **BARBARA JONATHAN:** Well, it's been a year since I
12 came up here and talked, and I don't think too much has
13 changed. This morning I went out and took my garbage tote
14 out, and I heard a bird singing. And I thank the creator
15 for that, that bird's song, because I realize that that is
16 something that maybe we all take for granted. We hear the
17 birds singing and chirping. And if this thing comes to
18 fruition, we're not going to hear that. We're going to hear
19 the hums of those machinery that, you know, keep that data
20 center running.

21 I for one really don't believe that it's going to
22 be as quiet as you want us to believe. I would invite you
23 to bring some shit over here and let us hear, and then we'll
24 tell you if it's okay. This past summer I lost water in my
25 well and it caved in, and I wondered if it had anything to

1 do what was happening underneath the surface of the earth
2 where all of those heavy equipments are doing whatever it is
3 that they're doing over there, that is right, technically,
4 behind my house. And so that got me a little worried.

5 And I'll tell you, going without water for three
6 months, that's a long time. Long time. You know, I don't
7 mind a little uncomfortableness, but when it continues and
8 continues and continues, it wears you out. And I'm afraid
9 that that's what's going to happen when that data center
10 moves in. You know, our health is going to decline, our
11 water is going to go. What happens then?

12 So when my water came on, I'll tell you I was so
13 thankful. I cried and I made best friends with that well
14 digger. And I won't tell you the rest of it, but it was all
15 good. So you really got to think about what this means to
16 us as people. Not just to the native community, but to our
17 neighbors in the Town of Alabama and Genesee County. A lot
18 of you will not be happy, but we who live here will be
19 impacted.

20 So my thought today is no data center. Not today,
21 not tomorrow and not ever.

22 **MR. MASSE:** After Gerald Bacon it will be Daniel
23 Sullivan.

24 **GERALD BACON:** Hello. I'm Gerald Bacon. I'm a
25 Town of Alabama resident. I feel like I'm more confused

1 than ever. I've been coming to this room and talking for 15
2 years or more, and haven't gotten very far, haven't gotten
3 very good luck.

4 I'm here because I live directly across the street
5 from the north campus, at ground zero for the impacts of
6 this project. Because of that, I'm looking very closely at
7 my thing for quite a while (inaudible) the noise issue for
8 this. It would take many, many, many times the three
9 minutes to discuss all the questions and all the problems I
10 have with this project coming here.

11 Today, though, I'm going to focus on the noise
12 issue to make sure that some more people aware and to voice
13 my displeasure. One point that needs to be on the record is
14 the scale. In 2012, the same era used for many of the
15 assumptions in the economic impact statements that the --
16 you know, all of them that change and get added to and
17 amended to. A large enterprise data center in 2012 usually
18 topped out at around 3,000 square feet in 2012. That was,
19 like, the biggest one that they built in the country.

20 What STREAM is proposing here is more than seven
21 times larger than that. And it seems a little strange that
22 we're still considering this. Nothing in the 2012 planning
23 framework contemplated a facility anywhere near this scale.
24 And the noise assumptions from that era can't just be
25 carried forward from decade to decade. Everything has

1 changed from 2012 except the rules that you're all
2 following.

3 Right now, the financial application does not
4 reflect the real cost of meeting the Town's noise limits, or
5 more accurately New York State's DEC noise guidelines that
6 most small towns adopt because it's convenient. These
7 guidelines are over 25 years old, and they were designed for
8 suburban environments, not quiet rural areas like the ones
9 that we live in.

10 Using suburban thresholds in a low ambient
11 agriculture community, our community, underestimates the
12 true impact to the nearby homes. And not many homes get
13 closer than mine. We still do not have a complete noise
14 analysis. Not from the Town, the GCEDC, the County or
15 STREAM. There's no full site model. There's no low
16 frequency evaluation, no tonal assessment, no demonstration
17 of compliance at any of property lines.

18 A proper study to include DEC weighting and octave
19 band or one-third octave band analysis, because every
20 commercially deployed data center cool system produces low
21 frequency noise. I saw some place in one of their
22 applications where STREAM said, oh, this one won't produce
23 any low frequency noise. I think if anybody -- if anybody
24 looks online you'll see very quickly that they do produce
25 low frequency noise, all of them. And low frequency noise

1 is very dangerous to your health.

2 The A-weighting measurements used in acoustic
3 modelling so far, they simply don't capture low frequency
4 noise. And I made sure that all of the Town Board, the Town
5 Planning Board, the GCEDC and STREAM know that this is the
6 case, just so that nobody can come back and say, oh, we
7 never heard of that. Without the information that DBC and
8 octave band gives us, we can't evaluate any of the low
9 frequency impacts at all. We can't identify total
10 components or determine whether mitigation is even needed.

11 If tonal noise is present, the DEC requires
12 penalties, and they won't even be able to do that because
13 this low frequency noise will never have been accurately
14 measured with the way that it's done now. 25 years ago in a
15 downtown environment, it was perfect. For here, it's not
16 perfect and it doesn't work.

17 Noise mitigation is expensive. STREAM ultimately
18 needs -- if STREAM does need larger sound walls, they have
19 to change the fans, add acoustic (inaudible), redesign the
20 equipment layouts. Those costs will all be very
21 significant, and none of them appear in the financial
22 application. If the technical information is incomplete,
23 then the financial application is incomplete and the Town
24 cannot evaluate the true public cost of the project.

25 I'm simply asking here tonight that we understand

1 the noise before we subsidize the noise. So, in my opinion,
2 this package deal should not even be a consideration until
3 more information is found out about this. And I know the
4 GCEDC was the first to jump on to say the New York State
5 idea of putting a moratorium won't affect us, and I think
6 that honestly, too, is part of the reason that this just
7 keeps getting shoved down our throat as fast and quickly and
8 confidentially as possible.

9 Also, for the record, I would like to say I love
10 AI. I'm a former teacher. I learn stuff in my retirement
11 now on AI, and I love AI. Am I against AI? Am I against
12 people? Am I against unions coming to build here?
13 Absolutely not. What I am against is the placement of this
14 building, much larger than it was intended to be, 1,200 feet
15 from my front door. Not to mention the roundabout in my
16 front yard that keeps disappearing every time we talk to
17 Mr. Masse. I'm against this project. Thank you.

18 **MR. MASSE:** Daniel Sullivan. No. David Alton.
19 And then after David it would be Alyssa Beuler.

20 **DAVID ALTON:** Good evening. I'm David Alton. I'm
21 from Batavia, and I'm speaking on behalf of Seneca Nation.
22 First off, I'd like to say, Chief Logan, what he said, I
23 agree with completely. It is crazy what this is going
24 through without any answers and all that stuff.

25 Second. This is stupid is as stupid does. This

1 project is enormously over budget. It is crazy. It is
2 stupid to fund someone other billionaire's company to let
3 Jeffrey Epstein accomplices get away with it. You know,
4 Nancy Reagan was a former first lady, and she had a campaign
5 that said just say no. I'm asking that the Planning Board
6 the members just say no, ask for a DEC report, ask for a new
7 survey about whether the region really wants this, about the
8 noise survey, how is this going to affect all the animals,
9 the plants, the water, waste treatment and all that.

10 Take your time. Think about it really. Do you
11 want your kids, my kids, our grand kids to live in an area
12 that has a massive 2.2 million square foot building that is
13 going to be useless in probably five to seven, eight years
14 because some other town is going to say, oh, we'll give you
15 money for that. And it will just be sitting there and all
16 the animals are going to be gone.

17 This is a terrible, terrible noise making, land
18 destroying with tax that's going to go out of the state and
19 for a company -- and at most you're probably going to get,
20 what, 25 jobs. This plant is not good for the Seneca
21 Indians, the wildlife, the surrounding area, and with a very
22 poor water design and with the diesel fuel on site is going
23 to cause problems when it's being used because of all the
24 fumes and all that stuff. And this is just a terrible idea.
25 AI is an awful idea. Thank you.

1 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. After Alyssa, Carrie Smith.

2 **ALYSSA BEULER:** My name is Alyssa Beuler. I live
3 in Oakfield. I'm speaking on behalf of myself, but I stand
4 in solidarity with the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, and I
5 strongly oppose this data center.

6 My confusion starts from where a data center fits
7 into STAMP's initial mission, advanced manufacturing and
8 9,000 jobs as main sellers. Data center do not manufacture
9 anything, nor do they create permanent jobs. This data
10 center in particular will be likely used for generative AI,
11 which is intended to replace humans in the workforce not
12 employee them.

13 I was horrified to learn the details of the initial
14 proposal from STAMP. Then came the second. 2.2 million
15 square feet, 500 megawatts of power, 125 jobs and 1.4
16 billion, as if the previous 801 million wasn't enough. Now
17 it's 1.4 billion in tax subsidies. I cannot fathom why one
18 of the world's largest private equity firms with nefarious
19 ties to Jeffrey Epstein and a network that exceeds 62
20 billion dollars would need to be incentivized with such an
21 obscene subsidy package.

22 The annual household income in Oakfield is 70
23 thousand dollars, yet we have to foot the bill? The tax
24 burden will eventually shift to us. State Senator Liz
25 Kreuger was quoted saying, "every time somebody doesn't pay

1 their taxes, somebody else pays more."

2 And as a mom, I can't help but think how this will
3 generationally affect my family. My son will be part of the
4 school district. Last year we had two failed budgets. In
5 2023, the Investigative Post found that districts across
6 Western New York are losing millions of dollars each year
7 from PILOT payments. Our school will feel these effects for
8 30 years as per the agreement between the GCEDC and STREAM.

9 Our communities are hurting. Electricity costs in
10 New York State are up 11.4 percent from 2024. The
11 uncertainty of how much more costs will rise is alarming.
12 Data centers put a strain on the grid, and New York State is
13 already experiencing power shortages. When you don't meet
14 supply and demand, prices go up. I struggle to think how
15 residents will absorb the additional costs, and also why we
16 should. These are multibillion dollar companies.

17 To be honest, I think all of you have reservations
18 about moving forward with this project. And if you don't,
19 then you should. Tonight, you're being confronted with the
20 harsh truth, that our community may never recover from this.

21 I understand that we need local infrastructure
22 improvements, and we know that. And worse, they know that.
23 This is how it works. They prey on communities with limited
24 resources to fight and too few residents to make a
25 difference, or so you all think. So when do we decide that

1 we get to say no, that's enough.

2 Because it's never enough for them. So far it
3 hasn't been enough power, it hasn't been enough land, and it
4 hasn't been enough resource, and it certainly hasn't been
5 enough money. So when do we decide no?

6 **MR. MASSE:** Carrie Smith. After Carrie, I think we
7 have the Grace Ross.

8 **CARRIE SMITH:** Hi, everyone. My name is Carrie
9 Smith. I live on -- I live in the Town of Oakfield of what
10 is now going to be the great scenic sewage highway. I am
11 here -- I am against this ridiculous and shameful project,
12 but I am here speaking on behalf of Kirk Scirto.

13 My name is Kirk Scirto, and I'm a family physician
14 and public health specialist living in Buffalo. The
15 proposed plan by STREAM U.S. to build a 30-foot -- 38
16 football field size center at STAMP would be immensely
17 harmful to our health and wellbeing, and we can't allow
18 that.

19 Their backup generators would burn an estimated 114
20 thousand gallons of diesel fuel per year. The resulting air
21 pollution would worsen asthma, allergies, emphysema and
22 heart disease for area residents. And these emissions would
23 be worsened by all the traffic that this monster data center
24 would draw. Burning this diesel fuel would also emit a
25 substantial amount of carbon dioxide. And worsening global

1 warning doesn't exactly help our health.

2 Short circuits in data center cause fire -- causes
3 fires, and with so much diesel fuel present this could
4 create an explosion. This would be a major risk for the Big
5 Woods, local houses and anyone breathing the air. Alabama
6 Fire Department, I'm told, doesn't have the staff to contain
7 such fires. Spills and diesel fuel could easily contaminate
8 the land and water of the neighboring Tonawanda Seneca
9 Nation, which uses well water.

10 The noises from data centers is also quite
11 debilitating and it's a major cause of illness, especially
12 given chronic exposures. Their nagging, low frequency hum
13 prevents us from sleeping well, thereby increasing our risk
14 of motor vehicle accidents, accidents at work, and our
15 attention in school and work gets affected, often leading to
16 poor performances in both settings.

17 Data center neighbors tend to feel constantly
18 annoyed, and they unfairly suffer higher rates of
19 depression, stress, anxiety and social conflict. People
20 living near data centers commonly have chronic headaches,
21 reduced hearing and frequent ringing in the ears. Constant
22 low frequency noise has also been proven to cause heart
23 disease by increasing blood pressure, inflammation and even
24 by building plaques in our arteries.

25 These health risks are unjust, and the electronic

1 waste for the data centers only add to them. Their servers
2 and routers contain hazardous waste like mercury, lead and
3 cadmium, so they would be major risks if they were dumped
4 locally. And as their immediate neighbor, the nation would
5 also be at risk for drinking water contamination from raw
6 sewage. The same would be true for the Oakfield-Alabama
7 school if GCEDC gets away with transporting raw sewage
8 immediately next to it.

9 Public health also hinges on having access to jobs
10 and income. If STREAM U.S. is allowed at STAMP, then we can
11 expect our electricity rates to increase markedly as they
12 commonly do in communities victimized by data centers. I'd
13 hardly expect many of the 125 jobs being offered to go to
14 local residents.

15 So I oppose the ridiculous financial incentives
16 requested by STREAM U.S. Data Centers since these would
17 actually harm taxpayers and take away their jobs. I demand
18 that GCEDC follow all of the DEC's recommendations, and I
19 call on GCEDC to reject the incentives application from
20 STREAM U.S. Data Centers. This monster AI data center would
21 be a monster threat to our health and wellbeing. Say no.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Grace Ross is next. Not here.

23 Patricia Smith.

24 **PATRICIA SMITH:** I agree with everything.

25 **MR. MASSE:** Joseph Hill. After Joseph would be

1 Holly Rockwell.

2 **JOSEPH HILL:** First, I'd like to thank Chief Logan
3 and the members of the Tonawanda Seneca that have come out
4 to voice their opposition. As indigenous people for 525
5 years we have had to fight for our survival. That means
6 when I came in here, I said to myself, this is déjà vu. I
7 was here a few years ago. Didn't we defeat that? Yet here
8 we are again.

9 This is the reality that we know as indigenous
10 people. They're always going to be back. They're always
11 going to have another hair brain scheme. They're always
12 going to have a way to destroy the land, the water and the
13 air.

14 I spent a winter in Minnesota next to a
15 construction site. My yard was probably 300 yards from the
16 site. Every morning it sounded like a freight train, and
17 then it stopped. Well, I hear that this is going to be a
18 five year project. So that sound, those trucks -- the
19 truck, the roads that they're going to break up with their
20 heavy loads of concrete mix, everything else they're
21 bringing in, are they paying you for that? Look into that,
22 will you? Because your roads are going to go to hell.

23 I know what it's like to live downstream and not be
24 able to fish because of nuclear waste, because of superfund
25 sites. In the Big Woods, what we have there is something we

1 don't have everywhere. We have our future. We have our
2 medicine. The Tonawanda Seneca are gracious enough to allow
3 us from other nations to come and hunt, to come and gather,
4 because some of those medicines aren't found elsewhere.

5 I want to ask this. Why are we even talking about
6 the money? Where's the environmental impact statement?
7 Let's start there. You're putting the cart way in front of
8 the horse. And I'll tell you this, as indigenous people, we
9 think seven generations ahead, but I also think seven
10 generations back. And I owe it to my ancestors to protect
11 their great great great great grandchildren. And my
12 grandchildren. I have two, and two children.

13 So here we are again. You need to open the books.
14 You need to be more transparent. But let's start with an
15 environmental impact statement. And don't use the old one
16 either. We need you to represent all life, all water and
17 put an end to this madness. But don't worry, we'll be back.

18 **MR. MASSE:** After Holly Rockwell, I think, is Ron
19 Rockwell.

20 **HOLLY ROCKWELL:** Hello. My name is Holly Rockwell.
21 I'm the director of the Sisters of St. Joseph Office of
22 Justice and Care for Creation in Rochester, New York, and
23 I'm here on behalf of that office to oppose the incentives
24 application, and to demand that GCEDC follow the DEC's SEQR
25 recommendations. Because as far as we see, both justice and

1 care for creation are lacking here. And I can assure you,
2 I'm here in person, but you're going to be getting a lot of
3 written comments from Sisters.

4 First off -- and a lot of people have pointed this
5 out. Although we're not even entitled to know which
6 corporations will be the ultimate tenant, and that says
7 everything about the undemocratic nature of this process, we
8 know that the financial backers are billionaires,
9 international -- you know, multinational companies. They
10 have no need to extract enormous tax breaks, other people
11 have said that, from ordinary citizens. And in fact,
12 justice requires otherwise. But their money gives them the
13 clout to demand concessions, and so they do.

14 And I think probably GCEDC was overmatched. You
15 know, with multibillion dollar private equity funds versus
16 GCEDC, I guess this is the result we get. So the whole
17 thing is just greed. A callus disregard for anything except
18 profit. And if it wasn't so harmful, it would be sad.

19 This project does not consider the inherent value
20 of the earth and all who live on it, who are all, as the
21 Sisters would say, beloved. Nor does it consider what
22 serves the greater good for this community and the wider
23 community of Western New York. There aren't barriers in the
24 air and the water. It's going to affect all of us.

25 Instead, local resources -- money, air, water,

1 electricity -- will largely benefit a billion dollar
2 corporation. First, it will be STREAM and Apollo, and then
3 it will be whoever this mystery tenant is. So once the data
4 center is built, STREAM and Apollo are out of here. They're
5 gone. They're not here. They don't know what's going on.
6 And then the data center is here to do harm, if it gets
7 built, to this community long after they've gone.

8 And so a lot of people have mentioned the harms.
9 I'm just going to say, we can't afford the kind of energy
10 glutton we've heard about there tonight. 500 megawatts of
11 energy would power all the households in Rochester and
12 beyond. And Mr. Masse said, well, the rates won't go up for
13 two years, but this thing won't be built and operational
14 four years, so what the heck? We are going to get higher
15 utility bills. We all know that. The data center's energy
16 demands are going to cause all of us across the state to go
17 up.

18 Second, people have mentioned the diesel backup
19 engines and the spewing of pollutants and carbon greenhouse
20 gases, and what's that going to do about the climate and how
21 does that fit with the State Climate Action Plan? And then
22 we have the cooling of the computers inside and the huge
23 amounts of water in a county that already faces water
24 shortages. And I have read somewhere -- I can't remember
25 where, to be honest -- that they're going to be getting --

1 you're going to be getting water pumped from the Rochester
2 area.

3 Think. Think. I just ask you gentlemen to think.
4 What is this going to mean for the people who live here?
5 Just take a minute. Who have their farms and their homes
6 and their businesses here. For the migrating birds who
7 pause in the Iroquois Wildlife Refuge, which I love.

8 STREAM wants to build next to a complex of national
9 and state wildlife preserves and the federally recognized
10 lands of the Tonawanda Seneca. These places, gentlemen,
11 have a value that can't be measured in dollars. And these
12 money mad billionaires don't recognize that, but we do.
13 This is not the right location for this development.

14 So the rule is -- and I think this is true probably
15 in most faith traditions -- treat your neighbors as you
16 would want to be treated yourself. Is this where you want
17 to live? Do you want to live next to that 1,200 feet away?
18 Think. Pause. And so, finally, I'm going to close by
19 saying I'm speaking for the Sisters of St. Joseph Office of
20 Justice and Care for Creation. Shame on you.

21 **MR. MASSE:** So Ron Rockwell, and then, I think,
22 Bridge Rauch.

23 **RON ROCKWELL:** Good evening. My name is Ron
24 Rockwell. I live with my wife, Holly, in Rochester, New
25 York. I'm a computer guy. I've worked for a computer

1 company. I've worked for a Fortune 100 company. I work in
2 AI. I use AI. My company sees AI as the future. I use AI
3 tools every day, and I'm involved in making it happen. So I
4 am not anti AI. I am not anti-business. But it is pretty
5 clear to me that you guys did not do your fucking research.
6 I ask you to realize that this is an amazingly risky project
7 to put any money, let alone public money into.

8 This data center is looking at -- is going to have
9 to defy short-term and long-term risk to survival. There is
10 no possible way it is going to survive for 30 years. It
11 will be lucky if it's even built. Let's go through it.

12 From the short-term point of view, if you look at
13 the business of AI right now, every provider is bleeding
14 money. Not small money. Not millions. They're bleeding
15 billions. Billions of dollars on an ongoing basis. No one
16 is making any money. It is staggering. Open AI, okay,
17 bringers of Chat GPT, right, last quarter, September
18 quarter, right, they reported an 18 billion dollar loss. It
19 is unsustainable. It is not sustainable in any way. And
20 something is going to have to give.

21 So what's going to happen? What's going to happen
22 is all these AI centers, they're trying to jam into place as
23 quickly as possible to try to corner the market, and they're
24 going to have to give up on some of them. Okay. And so
25 what's going to happen is you are -- you have a great

1 percentage probability that you're going to get caught when
2 the chickens come home to roost.

3 And that data center is not going to look like
4 that. There's going to be a hole in the ground. There's
5 going to be pipes everywhere. And that thing is going to
6 get shut down and you're going to be staring at a skeleton.
7 And these poor people are going to have to stare at that
8 fucking thing every fucking day from the next year until
9 it's finally tore down.

10 So let's say even if you do get it built, right,
11 and turned on, yay, it worked right. We're big men. We did
12 it, right? It's not going to last. Why? These things are
13 fucking dinosaurs. Why? Because they do not require
14 hardware acceleration. There's only one company in the
15 world right now that makes the hardware acceleration
16 required for these data centers and video. They cornered
17 the market. They're charging big bucks. That's why you
18 need the money. That's why you need the power, because AI
19 is a pig right now.

20 But guess what? Everybody in the world is looking
21 at the same pot of money that AI can generate, right? So
22 computer scientists, governments and companies all across
23 the world are trying to figure out how to do AI and not
24 require video chips to make it happen. When that happens --
25 and it will happen because there's so many freaking dollars,

1 right? Look at how far you guys are willing to bend over to
2 make this happen. There is so many dollars involved in
3 this, it's going to happen. And when it does, that will
4 become obsolete that day because the operating cost of these
5 centers will become too high. They're too resource
6 intensive and they're too expensive to operate.

7 And the most important thing is, they will be too
8 expensive to retrofit when you don't need AI chips in those
9 things, you don't need the heating, you don't need the
10 electricity, you can build them smaller. They're not going
11 to retrofit that. They're going leave that building sitting
12 there, and they're going to pay you to walk away from that.
13 They lose their money. You stare at that building again.

14 So this is -- AI is a gold rush. It is one thing
15 to spend private money on it. Fine. Go ahead. Be my
16 guest. It is a free country. It is entirely another thing
17 to spend the public money on it. This is insane for you
18 guys to put your -- I'm sorry. It's insane to use this
19 County's money on this thing for those reasons. Thank you
20 for your time.

21 **MR. MASSE:** Bridge, and then Chris Murawski.

22 **BRIDGE RAUCH:** Good evening. My name is Bridge
23 Rauch. I'm an organizer with the Clean Air Coalition of
24 Western New York, which is a member of the Partnership for
25 the Public Good, and I'm speaking on behalf of both

1 organizations. Both are based in Buffalo, but I have
2 membership all throughout Western New York.

3 We would like do speak out tonight against the
4 request by the GCEDC -- the request to the GCEDC for tax
5 abatement, you know, of nearly one and a half billion
6 dollars to construct that enormous STREAM U.S. Data Center
7 at the STAMP mega industrial site.

8 The facts are pretty well known, and everyone has
9 covered them pretty well tonight, so just for brevity let's
10 just focus for a minute on the energy use, the job creation
11 and the cost.

12 Data centers currently alone are using five percent
13 of all the electricity in the country, and that's projected
14 to increase in the foreseeable future. The STAMP project
15 overall (inaudible) NYISO for 600 megawatts semiannually of
16 which 500 are proposed to be used for this -- 500 units for
17 this data center. Per the New York Times, that's the
18 equivalent of 20 percent of all the hydropower generated by
19 Niagara Falls. Also for comparison, this works out to 16
20 times more electricity use than all the households in
21 Genesee County currently used combined.

22 Adding this much load to the grid without first
23 building out renewable capacity and upgrading transmission
24 lines will not only increase pollution but also hoist higher
25 energy costs on to existing rate payers, including existing

1 industries which employ ten of thousands of people in the
2 region with good union jobs. And these higher rates could
3 force layoffs at other industrial plants putting all of
4 those workers out of a job. In contrast, this project will
5 create at best an estimated 125 permanent jobs at a cost of
6 11.7 million dollars under this proposed economic package.

7 This particular project by Apollo Global Management
8 is asking for one of the biggest tax breaks in state
9 history. We know they're interested in paying less than the
10 public coffers. I know people have mentioned that there's
11 connection between the ownership of Apollo and STREAM to
12 Jeffrey Epstein, but what hasn't been mentioned is that
13 company owner literally wrote to Jeffrey Epstein to request
14 his advice on how to avoid paying taxes.

15 AI and the data center build out is an economic
16 bubble, period. Given what we know about Apollo and STREAM,
17 can they really be trusted to hold up their end of the
18 bargain when that bubble pops? PPG and Clean Air know a lot
19 about bad tax breaks in Western New York. The Tesla plant
20 has consistently failed to live up to job creation promises.
21 There's a privately owned stadium for which residents are
22 paying 850 million dollars for a higher ticket prices. Deal
23 after deal, this transfers money from regular taxpayers to
24 wealthy developers and corporations.

25 Last year, the City of Buffalo lost 20 million

1 dollars in tax revenue because of IDA incentives. In giving
2 money and breaks to private industries it means the rest of
3 us have had to make up that slack. When companies do not
4 pay their fair share of taxes, our schools and neighborhoods
5 suffer. And when we support big out of state businesses,
6 small companies go under.

7 GCEDC is prepared to offer this development project
8 one of the largest incentive packages ever without any
9 guarantee that jobs would go to local people, without any
10 likelihood of creating a secondary job market, without any
11 commitment to residents or the community. The public good
12 comes when we include, empower and support the folks around
13 us.

14 Neighbors, families, please listen to them as they
15 tell you what they need in how to make Alabama, Genesee
16 County and all of Western New York better. We have
17 additional comments we're going to be submitting in writing.
18 Thank you.

19 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Chris Murawski. After that
20 would be James Jones.

21 **CHRIS MURAWSKI:** Hi. My name is Chris Murawski,
22 and I am the Executive Director of Clean Air Coalition of
23 Western New York. We work in both Erie and Niagara County
24 with residents on environmental justice campaigns.

25 On behalf of Clean Air's members, I want to say

1 that we strongly oppose the financial incentives
2 requested -- submitted by STREAM U.S. Data Center and Apollo
3 Global Management. We stand in solidarity with the
4 Tonawanda Seneca Nation Indians and their demands, and also,
5 seemingly, with the entire Town of Alabama as well.

6 With the addition of 500 megawatts of power, this
7 is isn't in a vacuum. If we look at the whole state, we're
8 looking at eight gigawatts over the next two years according
9 to the Independent System Operator's Gold Book. That is
10 going to cause polluting power infrastructure to be brought
11 back online. There's no way around that. Many of these
12 generating facilities are in what New York State considers
13 disadvantaged communities, which already suffers from
14 disproportionate burden from air pollution.

15 Clean Air has a campaign in North Tonawanda, New
16 York in which an outdated gas fired power plant was refired
17 to power a data center, increasing emissions and causing
18 well documented effects from noise pollution. And the City
19 in our campaign, everybody is against this thing.
20 Republicans, democrats, progressives, every day people. The
21 City has passed a two year moratorium on the development of
22 data centers based on that project.

23 STAMP is also an extremely inappropriate site for a
24 data center due to the remote location, lack of
25 infrastructure, adjacency to the Tonawanda Seneca Nation and

1 sensitive protected environmental areas like the wildlife
2 refuges you mentioned all night.

3 Further, the proposal includes plans for emergency
4 diesel backup generators and greenhouse gas emissions
5 projected into the megatons from those. Also, the stated
6 number of the 12 diesel backup generators, that is 90
7 percent less than the conventional amount of backup
8 generators deployed for data centers of this this size. So
9 I would just ask if that information is accurate or is it
10 misrepresented and they actually plan on doing more backup
11 generator, because that's not the standard procedure.

12 This project is also an egregiously bad investment
13 for Genesee County and Western New York. The requested
14 subsidy would be the largest ever awarded, as everybody is
15 saying tonight. 11 million dollars to create one job. 11
16 million for each job.

17 Okay. What would we get if we took that 11 million
18 dollars invested it in something, say, like energy
19 efficiency and clean energy upgrades for homes in Genesee
20 County? With that amount of money for the one job -- and I
21 know it's not cash, like you said. It's tax incentives, but
22 it's all tax dollars. With that amount of money you'd be
23 able to insulate 1,100 single family homes, creating a
24 hundred jobs in the process. According to a study by the
25 University of Georgia it's the average of 10 to 12 jobs per

1 one million dollars invested in energy efficiency. So, just
2 to compare it.

3 And I'll just finish up really briefly. Last, the
4 billionaire private equity CEO backing this project does not
5 care if you have an R or D in front of your name. They do
6 not care about workers or rural New Yorkers. They certainly
7 do not respect the sovereignty of the Tonawanda Seneca
8 Nation. All they care about is extracting as much wealth
9 from our community as possible. Do not give these guys
10 that. Thank you.

11 **MR. MASSE:** After James Jones would be Gaye Drock.

12 **JAMES JONES:** I'm James Jones from Tonawanda next
13 to the land of the swift river, and stand with my relatives
14 from the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. And I am speaking on
15 before of Dan Mullen who is a Town of Alabama business owner
16 of Tahoe Pines Wellness Center.

17 These will be my concerns as a local business
18 owner. One of my biggest concerns as the owner of the
19 wellness center conducting wellness massages is the noise
20 pollution. This will have a negative impact on the anxiety
21 levels of my customers as well as my service animal. In
22 addition to noise pollution, the carcinogens in both the
23 ground and the ozone is of significant concern.

24 Noise and vibration from large HVAC systems,
25 cooling systems, diesel backup generators and EPS units run

1 continuously 24/7 and can be a persistent nuisance for
2 nearby residential areas. Groundwater contamination can
3 result from spills of diesel fuel, battery electrolytes,
4 chemical coolants leaching into the soil. We know that
5 drinking water in Genesee County to contribute greatly
6 towards cancer diagnosis, which I am a survivor of.

7 Chemical hazards stem from refrigerants used in
8 cooling systems and the large banks of lead acid or lithium
9 ion batteries used for backup power. Those -- these pose
10 spill and containment risks, and some refrigerants are
11 greenhouse gases if released. Electromagnetic interference
12 from power systems, electronic equipment can affect nearby
13 sensitive medical devices, consumer electronics or
14 industrial equipment.

15 Fire and explosion risk. Lithium ion battery fires
16 are difficult to distinguish, and can produce toxic smoke.
17 Diesel fuel stores for backup generator add flammable
18 material to the site. These incidents can require
19 significant emergency response resources, which don't exist,
20 from the community. The severity of each hazard varies
21 greatly, depending on the facility size, location, design
22 and local regulation.

23 Our community is adamantly opposed to this data
24 center for many of the reasons stated before. We do not
25 want you in our neighborhood. Find a remote place that's

1 more appropriate for your purposes. This is colonization in
2 the 21st century.

3 **MR. MASSE:** Gaye Drock. Colleen Nelson. Christine
4 Zinni. And then after Christine would be Gina Schelemanow.
5 Thank you.

6 **CHRISTINE ZINNI:** Thank you. My name is Christine
7 Zinni, and I live in Batavia. I oppose the financial
8 incentives request submitted by STREAM U.S. Data Center and
9 Apollo Global Management for their proposed data center
10 complex at STAMP.

11 I demand that GCEDC follow all of the New York
12 State DEC's recommendations with respect to the SEQR and
13 environmental review process. Project Double Reed, I
14 maintain, as others do here that have filibustered with me,
15 Project Double Reed is a bad idea for Genesee County and the
16 whole region.

17 Double Reed threatens the quality of life,
18 wellbeing and cost of living of all residents of New York
19 State, including and especially the residents of nearby
20 communities in Genesee County and citizens of the Tonawanda
21 Seneca Nation, with whom I stand in solidarity.

22 As a third generation resident of Genesee County
23 whose father was a World War II veteran, a trial law lawyer
24 and involved with some planning efforts for the county more
25 than half a century ago, I can speak to the way of life,

1 vision and values held by him and other members of that
2 great generation.

3 They knew who our neighbors were, knew who lived
4 across the yard, down the road and the next small town, knew
5 who owned which, what business and whom to speak with and
6 turn to. My family, as other families, chose to live in
7 this region because of their tight bonds and connections to
8 the people and to the land. It was not about buildings and
9 making billions of dollars in profits, but values placed in
10 people and the land. But Double Reed, AKA STREAM, and the
11 undisclosed Fortune 500 Company that would operate said data
12 center here are unknowable.

13 STREAM is owned by Apollo Global Management, as
14 you've heard, and that's not just any old multinational and
15 private equity firm. Its founder, as you have heard, Leon
16 Black, had close ties to the notorious sex offender Jeffrey
17 Epstein. The cofounder of Apollo and its current CEO is
18 under investigation for his ties as well.

19 How do you square that? Is this the kind of energy
20 we want to bring to our neighborhood? To our region? That
21 alone should be enough. We don't want it. And as we used
22 to say on the south side of Batavia, where I grew up in the
23 Italian community, we understand that the fix is in. Isn't
24 the fix in? And you're fighting that fix.

25 We ask you, we appeal to you to have -- you know,

1 stand up, to listen to us, we the people. To have backbones
2 to stand up to the private equity company. To do the right
3 thing. My father represented labor unions -- labor. Was a
4 Workers' Compensation lawyer. Fought for them. If this
5 data center goes through, who -- who do people turn to?
6 What's the recourse? Are they going to be around? Try to
7 file a claim or sue Apollo Management Company. I can bet
8 you, if it goes through, you're going to have a pipeline of
9 lawsuits against maybe you, if you're still -- if you're
10 still there. You know, you're trying to sell it so you're
11 not liable and accountable, I would assume. But there's
12 going to be a stream more -- a slew of lawsuits for
13 pollution, for health consequences, for environmental
14 consequences. You betcha. And -- yeah.

15 I don't call it a monster. I call it a dinosaur,
16 because what's going to happen -- I agree with Mr. Rockwell
17 and others who said, it's not going to be -- I don't think
18 it would be around long. I think it would be an empty
19 shell. Because what's going to happen in a few years is
20 that they're going to be building in space. These data
21 centers in space. They're going to abandon the ones here.
22 It's happening too fast, and we're going to be left with the
23 results. Thank you.

24 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. So after Gina, John
25 Keevert.

1 **GINA SCHELEMANOW:** Hi. My name is Gina
2 Schelemanow. I live in the City of Batavia. And I don't
3 know about anyone else, but I'm tired. I worked my union
4 job all day, and I don't say that to be a jerk, but -- well,
5 the union is gone. But we're not here opposing a data
6 center to oppose organized labor or anything like that.
7 It's just -- it's really frustrating.

8 I just have one question for GCEDC and STREAM U.S.
9 Data Centers. Do you think we're stupid or do you think
10 we're dumb? Because that's how it feels. The STAMP project
11 has been going for over 20 years with little to actually
12 show for it and a whole lot of broken promises. The dream
13 you've been selling our community is a farce. The continued
14 and repeated failure of the STAMP site has been re-branded
15 and re-packaged so many times it's hard to even keep up.

16 The latest brilliant of idea of putting a data
17 center right next to a sovereign nation and a wildlife
18 refuge is bananas. When community members ask questions,
19 clear answers are never given to us. We're shuffled around
20 from person to person or told that it's the county's
21 responsibility to ensure that we have adequate water and to
22 keep our electric bills low.

23 On what plant do you think putting a giant data
24 center in our community is going to increase the amount of
25 water that we have or lower our electric bills. Y'all are

1 out of pocket. Furthermore, STREAM Data thinks they can
2 come in and buy your community members by giving 50 thousand
3 dollars to Oakfield-Alabama schools while asking for over a
4 billion dollars in tax breaks. Again, I ask you, do you
5 think we're stupid or do you think we're dumb? Because it
6 has to be one of those.

7 You don't see us as community members or as humans.
8 This is just another place to put a data center that will
9 run for 10 to 15 years, decrease our natural resources all
10 while making a few white dudes more money than anyone in
11 this room could ever think of.

12 Speaking of this room. I'd ask you to take a look
13 around at the community members that you're trying to pull
14 one over on. We live here, work here and enjoy the natural
15 beauty that is Genesee County. Some giant building full of
16 computers is not going to add anything to the value of where
17 we live.

18 People in this room are incredibly generous. They
19 help each other out when times get hard. We make sure our
20 neighbors have food to eat when prices skyrocket. We help
21 each other get groceries. We take care of each other's kids
22 and families. We help out when a family experiences a
23 tragedy or a disaster. This is our community, and we do not
24 want a data center here.

25 **MR. MASSE:** John Keevert. After John would be

1 Barbara Price.

2 **JOHN KEEVERT:** I'm John Keevert. I live in
3 Rochester. I am co-chair of the Environmental Justice
4 Ministry of First Unitarian Church in Rochester. We are a
5 member organization of New York Renews. New York Renews is
6 a colation of 400 climate, labor youth and community groups,
7 and a force behind the Climate Leadership and Community
8 Protection Act, CLCPA, or the Climate Law. We fight for
9 clean energy, good jobs, and a healthier, more affordable
10 New York.

11 Following the leadership of indigenous nations in
12 New York, we work to ensure that our efforts are aligned
13 with indigenous environmental justice, land justice and
14 sovereignty. The proposed data center lies within a
15 disadvantaged community as designated by the Climate Justice
16 Working Group, which subjects this project to review under
17 the CLCPA. Under Section 7-3 of the law, when considering
18 and issuing permits, licenses and other approvals, all state
19 agencies, offices and authorities shall not
20 disproportionately burden disadvantaged communities.

21 Given the threat posed by this project to the
22 Tonawanda Seneca Nation, which lies in this disadvantaged
23 community, and given our respect for indigenous sovereignty,
24 we oppose the financial incentives request submitted by
25 STREAM Data Center. We demand that GCEDC issue a positive

1 declaration for STREAM U.S. Data Centers supplemental and
2 environmental quality review application that complies with
3 the recommendations from the New York State Department of
4 Environmental Conservation.

5 This requires that they conduct a supplemental and
6 environmental impact statement focused on data centers at
7 STAMP. They must conduct an SCIS for the entire STAMP site,
8 taking into account new laws and regulations as well as
9 other changes to the plans from 2012.

10 They must also conduct a SEQR that includes
11 detailed construction impact analysis and detailed
12 operations impact analysis. The SEQR should incorporate
13 consideration of the results of the noise study that STREAM
14 is currently undertaking. We've certainly heard about
15 problems with noise.

16 And the SEQR should also incorporate a review of
17 cultural and environmental justice impacts on the Tonawanda
18 Seneca Nation. That must include impacts from the Nation,
19 DEC and state historical preservation office for these
20 impacts.

21 This data center and threatens the quality of life,
22 wellbeing and cost of living of local communities along with
23 our climate law. It violates the sovereignty and the way of
24 life of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. We thus oppose the
25 financial incentive request submitted by STREAM Data

1 Centers. We demand that GCEDC follow all of DEC's
2 requirements, and we call on GCEDC to reject the incentives
3 application for STREAM U.S. Data Centers. Thank you.

4 **MR. MASSE:** Barbara Price. Nate Buckley. After
5 Nate, I think, Victoria Ross.

6 **NATE BUCKLEY:** I'm Nate Buckley. I live in
7 Buffalo, and I am tired. That's just how I feel right now.
8 I was here -- I mostly want to talk to the audience, because
9 I was here when there was the hearing about the endangered
10 animals and the birds. And every single person who came up
11 was against it. And I've been to a lot of these throughout
12 my life, and I realize that the democracy that we have isn't
13 a democracy. It's window dressing.

14 And it's like they have to do these things because
15 we have energy and anger, and then if we give it to them --
16 like, we sit here and talk to them. They don't care. They
17 they're not fighting anything. They didn't do anything.
18 How do you go to a thing and every single person said no,
19 and the DEC said you can't do it. And guess what they did?
20 STAMP, STAMP.

21 That's what the STAMP means. STAMP, because it's
22 already been pre-approved. These people got money.
23 Capitalism. This entire country -- like, and I'm going to
24 say, these AI data centers, a lot of what they're going for
25 is the murdering, genocidal U.S. in, like, Venezuela, Iran,

1 Gaza. These data centers are giving them information.
2 That's why they bombed that Iranian school. They killed
3 over hundreds of young women. Like, that's the same people
4 who are raping young women, who are murdering young women,
5 who are in the same Epstein files with the people. It's all
6 the same thing. How simple is that? It just makes me so
7 furious.

8 And also, if you look at it from their perspective,
9 number one, they get free energy, because even though it's
10 outside the Niagara County free water from all the energy we
11 get from Niagara Falls, they got an exemption, so they get
12 really cheap energy for that. They get free water from our
13 most precious national resources, which is the Great Lakes.
14 It's so simple.

15 And they don't want it in a major center of a city
16 because they're worried about, number one, foreign
17 interference and, number two, people get angry, because look
18 what they're doing. They're bringing that same war machine
19 that's all across the world right here. There's no morals.
20 There's no -- there's no -- there's no moral compass.

21 Do not bring it back right to the Tonawanda
22 Senecas. When the European people came over here -- I'm
23 part of a group called Nekanehsakt. It is a Tuscaroran word
24 for two houses standing side by side, and it's supposed to
25 be representative of the treaty, of the Two Row Wampum

1 Treaty. And the first word for the U.S. president was
2 Hanödaga•nyas. And that means -- I mean, I've heard
3 different things. Town destroyer, village destroyer, or
4 I've also heard it's a rabid dog that won't stop biting at
5 the flesh.

6 That is what we live in. I mean, look what's going
7 on across the world. Do you think they have a bunch of
8 people sitting in a room? Do you think Iran, even if people
9 didn't like the government, think they wanted them to bomb
10 and destroy their infrastructure? No. It's ridiculous.
11 And it's not in our interest whatsoever. This is a circus.
12 It was the last time it was.

13 And this AI billionaire -- and also, I just want to
14 talk about rape. Because when someone says no but you keep
15 doing it. We've said no multiple times, and you keep doing
16 it. The Seneca Nation has said it over and over and over.
17 And there's these rapists running the country right now.
18 And people are just looking the other way. It's not cool.
19 It's not sweet. It's terrible.

20 And, you know, I'll just also say. Most of the
21 people who are -- who came in for the jobs. AI and this
22 billionaire guy doesn't care about your jobs. I just want
23 you to know as men in this society, we're told to not care,
24 no empathy. You know, just, like, push through because it's
25 all about being a soldier and America is the greatest

1 (inaudible). I disagree with that a hundred percent.

2 And you should care about other people. You do.
3 You know, even if it doesn't affect you. We're all talking
4 about this money and all this other stuff. And everybody
5 did an amazing job and I agree with everybody, but it's just
6 like, no. What if this was to make loads of money and it
7 still destroyed the Seneca Nation? Then I don't want it. I
8 don't care how many jobs there are. I don't care how great
9 AI is. Beat it. Beat it. I want my kid to have a future,
10 and they're not going to.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Victoria Ross.

12 **VICTORIA ROSS:** Thank you, Nate. Thank you
13 everyone who has come and spoke. I want to say, first of
14 all, we know that we are on Haudenosaunee land. We are on
15 Tonawanda Seneca land. That has been stolen, that has been
16 taken through trickery and violence. We know that.

17 So I'm Victoria Ross. I'm the interim Executive
18 Director at the Western New York Peace Center. The Peace
19 Center was started as part of Dr. King's Clergy and Laity
20 Concern, and our many members and followers are totally
21 against this and totally against what -- this is a slam
22 dunk.

23 It's obvious that it is a bad deal. It is obvious
24 that it's the worst deal that you could make. It's much
25 worse than the one that was refused before or that was

1 decided against before. It's the worst. It's even
2 progressively worse, the deal. So we -- when you -- if I
3 cut my thumb off, does the rest of my hand get infected? We
4 know it does. We are all connected.

5 I want to say (speaking in Native American) my
6 friends and relations. That is all the Tonawanda Seneca,
7 the people of the Town of Alabama, the birds and the wonder
8 of the nature of mother earth that is right here with so
9 much beauty. The water, living water. (Speaking in Native
10 American) water is life. All of that water is connected.
11 We have the aquifers.

12 When that greedy slurping of all the water for
13 trivial idiotic kinds of things like making movies of Trump
14 shitting all over the protestors, we need -- do we need a
15 data center to do that? Do we need AI to do that at the
16 cost to all the people here, to all the land, to all the
17 creation, to people and the planet? We cannot have it.

18 So when it's such a slam dunk that it's such a bad
19 idea, why are you in favor of it? That is the obvious
20 question. So I can't help wondering. So the time is always
21 right to do right, and you can still do right. You heard
22 person after person after person after person after person
23 after person, and those are the people with voices and those
24 are people who were able to come and who were able to wait
25 for you to hear what they want and what we need.

1 And what we need is for this not to go through.
2 You know it's a bad idea. And if it does go through, the
3 repercussions will -- you will pay, because it's the nature
4 of karma. And your children and all of us in this -- people
5 and the planet, we will all pay. So don't do the wrong
6 thing. We need you to do the right thing. You can still do
7 the right thing. Say no to this. You know it's the wrong
8 thing. Thank you.

9 **DEGAWENO:DA'S:** (Speaking Native American). I am
10 he who thunders. I'm Wolf Clan of the Seneca people. I'm
11 here with my brothers and my sisters from another territory.
12 And I reside in Cold Spring in Allegany.

13 I'm here to remind you that tomorrow is the
14 equinox. Tomorrow, things will be held in balance once
15 again, briefly, until we travel into the light once again.
16 But tomorrow heralds in the coming of spring. With spring
17 brings new life, regeneration, growth. What you want to
18 bring into this community is death and destruction. That's
19 not happening. Not on my watch.

20 I am (speaking Native American), he who thunders.
21 And at the same time a lot of these communities are
22 welcoming back the thunder beings. The thunder beings who
23 provide (inaudible) you guys have stolen this electric from.
24 They bring us the life presiding rains. They cleanse the
25 earth, they purify, they protect us. It's about time you

1 had some respect for creation, birds, the animals. The ones
2 that, like I said, don't have a voice. That's who I'm
3 speaking for.

4 And I mind you, I'm doing my best to maintain my
5 anger. I just -- I can't comprehend. This is just insane.
6 There's insanity that's just happening everywhere. I don't
7 get it. I sit here tonight and listen to all these people.
8 All these people spoken so many good things in opposition to
9 what you you guys are proposing. And in your right mind,
10 are you going to still continue to move forward with that?
11 In your right mind, are you going to move forward?

12 We have a word. Our word is (speaking Native
13 American). We use a good mind in everything that we do.
14 That is daily. For me it's daily. It's become -- it's a
15 way of life. Take in consideration everything that you come
16 across and how you're going to affect that environment, that
17 person, anything you touch. Anything you guys touch dies.
18 It's been historically proven. Any time you come into our
19 lands, that's all that happens.

20 Done. You guys are done. I'm telling you. I am
21 here. You know who supports me? Creation. That's who's in
22 my corner. You cannot control that. You can try. You try
23 to duplicate it. This AI, that's -- that's -- that's not
24 even human, and you guys are supporting it. You guys are
25 insane, man. It just don't make any sense to me at all. I

1 cannot comprehend that. Why? Because I live here. I live
2 in my heart. And everything that I do, everything that I
3 say is a preservation of creation, and my role and my
4 responsibility.

5 And I expect you to do the same. You're human
6 beings too. We're all human beings. We have a mind, we
7 have a heart. Use that for the benefit of what we're
8 supposed to take care of. Don't forget where you come from,
9 even though it's way over there across the waters. This is
10 our ancestral territory. We've been here forever. You want
11 to come here and impose your ideas and your thoughts on it?
12 It's just not going to happen anymore. I'm done.

13 I come to get you guys to think. Use your brain.
14 Don't think about the money. Don't think about the profit.
15 Think about the future. Think about the next generation.
16 That's my concern. That should be your concern, too, just
17 as well as everybody else.

18 So I want to thank you for this opportunity, and I
19 want to thank everybody who voiced their opinion, and their
20 thoughts and their ideas. I'm going to keep coming back.
21 I'm sorry I wasn't here the first time around, but it's
22 probably a good thing that I wasn't. But I'm here today. I
23 thank you for my time.

24 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Megan Logan, and then
25 follow with RaeAnn Engler.

1 **MEGAN LOGAN:** Hi. My name is Megan Logan. I don't
2 represent anybody, but I stand in solidarity with the
3 Tonawanda Seneca Nation. My name is Megan Logan. I live in
4 Pembroke, seven miles from the proposed project.

5 As many of my neighbors, we have well water. In
6 the past year we've experienced significant drought, and
7 many have been without water and still are. The community
8 is still concerned about the water consumption even with the
9 closed loop and the air cooling technology. You seem to
10 think that the alternative to electric power and air cooling
11 system is somehow a better alternative, but you failed to
12 recognize the region that you're in.

13 The soils are drought susceptible. And each summer
14 it gets hotter and hotter, and the droughts are stretching
15 longer and longer each year. Higher temperatures and lack
16 of moisture is going to add stress to your air cooling
17 systems, which means you will consume more power, which
18 means you will add more stress to the grid, which means you
19 will drive up our electricity bills. You will heighten the
20 risk of a wildfire in your facility.

21 And you selected a site that's only six thousand
22 feet from the Tonawanda Band of Senecas, the oldest growth
23 forest. You've put generations of sacred land and knowledge
24 at risk. Nobody here wants you. You will not win. You
25 will not make money. You will only spend it clawing your

1 way out of the hole that's been dug here since STAMP's
2 inception.

3 I am a social worker, and I provide for single
4 family income. I'm concerned about significant rates of
5 utilities bills. Most importantly, I'm a mother, and I'm
6 concerned about the long-term environmental and health
7 impacts to my son's and our future generations to come.

8 I ask the Town of Alabama and the Planning Board to
9 put these environmentally discriminatory affluent powers
10 aside, and recognize that the GCEDC and STREAM choose
11 Alabama for its low population, low household medium income
12 and proximity to indigenous community because they thought
13 we could be manipulated. Manipulated.

14 Consider an investment that will not put your
15 grandchildren and their children in a position of failure
16 when it is their time to inherit the earth. I suggest a
17 moratorium that states you will not look at AI data centers
18 for the next seven generations. You have the power to do
19 this. Over there in the corner, you have the power. Why?
20 Because AI isn't being used to support the people of Turtle
21 Island or the students of the Alabama schools.

22 These centers power gimmicks like chat GPT to
23 undermine our school system, giving students the opportunity
24 to pass by their education and cheat. These centers support
25 immoral systems being used to breach the safety and privacy

1 of all people across lines. There's a myriad of factors
2 like prolonged negative side effects on the ecosystem, such
3 as the use non-recyclable materials, unethical mining of
4 precious metals, fossil fuels, and most of all, stealing up
5 space that our non-human relatives inhabit.

6 What will you say to the deer when you can no
7 longer find food in Big Woods, when the noise drives them
8 all away? What will you say to the hunters when they hunt
9 for deer? What will you say to the bats who can no longer
10 effectively hunt insects? What will you say when the soil
11 dries up, when the trees are bleached by the hot sun, and
12 all the green, furry, scaled and feathered relatives leave
13 us? Will you say, at least we have this big stupid
14 building? It was only economically viable for 15 years.

15 At least GCEDC and STREAM made some money off this
16 project or will you say better them than me. Are you
17 willing to sacrifice your grandchildren, even your great
18 grandchildren, leaving them barren and sick, just like you
19 did your mother, the earth.

20 Every person in this room, including all of you
21 that sit here around these tables, are returned back to the
22 earth when your days here are over. Are you willing to take
23 that consequence back to the dirt? GCEDC is only thinking
24 about a seven figure dollar sign and not the seven
25 generations to come. We do not stand with the project.

1 **MR. MASSE:** So after RaeAnn would be Richard
2 Beatty.

3 **RAEANN ENGLER:** Hi. My name is RaeAnn Engler. I'm
4 from the City of Batavia. I stand in solidarity with the
5 Tonawanda Seneca Nation and I speak for myself. And I want
6 to thank everybody who stayed until the end here in
7 solidarity of everyone who has spoken (inaudible) endured
8 all of this. At the same time, you all look tired too.
9 While I don't have sympathy, I do not take pleasure in
10 continuing to kick you while you're down.

11 And here I will start. GCEDC states that the
12 infrastructure upgrades and water from Monroe County Water
13 Authority are important to provide to STAMP and to the data
14 center because proceeds from the data center will help fund
15 phase three of the Genesee County Water Supply Project.

16 What's being proposed in terms of financing? Their
17 idea is to turn to STREAM Data Centers, which is a key
18 operating platform with Apollo. That's Apollo Global
19 Management, whose most recent three CEOs are either
20 financially affiliated with Jeffrey Epstein or is now
21 running the New York Southern District Office for the
22 Department of Justice leading investigations into Jeffrey
23 Epstein. These are not white knights. The current CEO is
24 the 569th richest man in the world.

25 So what is the problem for Genesee County? This

1 plan would tether our water solutions to a multinational
2 corporation and their entangled financial backers who have
3 no concern whatsoever for Genesee County and its people. We
4 have to accept their stipulations, we have to accept 2.2
5 million square feet, three buildings the size of 12 mega
6 Walmarts sitting at the foothills of the Seneca Tonawanda
7 Nations Big Woods. We'd get a massive electric drain,
8 provide -- proven by hundreds of community being impacted by
9 brownouts and raised rates, and a perpetual audible hum
10 along with potential groundwater contamination from the
11 anticorrosion chemicals needed for the cooling systems.
12 Environmentally this is a horrible site collection for a
13 data center.

14 Giving billions of dollars -- giving billions in
15 tax breaks to a multibillion dollar company to bring 125 not
16 necessarily local jobs with a goal to collect and house our
17 personal data is dangerously shortsighted. There are other,
18 better ways to fund needed water infrastructure that don't
19 hold Genesee County hostage to the GCEDC and its for profit
20 multibillion dollar tenants. They are not lacking money.
21 They are lacking a place to build a data center, which is
22 unwanted by most.

23 Those who support data centers suggest that the
24 benefit is new jobs. STREAM fails to fulfill that hope. If
25 they must build here, do not pay them to do it. To allow

1 this project will make taxpayers and local governments
2 responsibility for this behemoth structure forever beyond
3 the date center lifespan of 10 to 15 years, beyond the
4 proposed 30 year PILOT agreement.

5 What does a community do with a vacant 2.2 million
6 square foot warehouse type building? I've heard horror
7 stories in the recent news reports about warehouses. We're
8 left to speculate about that, and I don't want that here in
9 Genesee County or anywhere else.

10 Genesee County has already committed 200,000
11 gallons of water per day to the STAMP project, and claims
12 this will have no adverse impact. But this would be 200,000
13 gallons going daily to STAMP instead of to people, the
14 households and the farms of the area. Water infrastructure
15 and the water that a data center financially sponsors could
16 end up going to future STAMP tenants instead of people on
17 the farms. Why should folks in Rochester and Monroe County
18 care?

19 Genesee County is eyeing more water from the Monroe
20 County Water Authority for Genesee County households,
21 residents and farms. And now also for a 2.2 million square
22 foot data center and for a still unpopulated STAMP site.
23 Genesee County is suffering from protracted water problems
24 with its existing population and economic development that
25 Lake Ontario water can't continue to help solve. But Monroe

1 County should oppose any use of its water authority to
2 funnel Lake Ontario water to non-agricultural tenants at
3 STAMP and away from those in primary need, the people and
4 the agriculture.

5 So the overall key messages, a mega data center is
6 not a savior for the dire physical and financial realities
7 of our water crises. It would hurt our rural and
8 agricultural communities, and be a deep injustice to the
9 next door Tonawanda Seneca Nation Nation. Be aware that it
10 is being leveraged to attract even more resource sucking
11 development to STAMP. Tying our water and water supply
12 needs and funding to parasitic multinational corporations
13 that don't care about Genesee County is shortsighted both
14 financially and environmentally.

15 Any water project funding needs raised through a
16 data center would be a quick shot in the arm and pale in
17 comparison to money the data center would take from us in
18 the form of tax breaks and subsidies. We taxpayers will be
19 on the hook forever to (inaudible) that gets built in three,
20 700,000 square foot buildings that will be defunct in less
21 than 30 years.

22 GCEDC wants you to believe that farms and the food
23 industry are the real water glutton. Yet agriculture has
24 long been top priority for our economy and way of life.
25 It's simply unjustifiable to use any water for the data

1 center, for AI and any (inaudible) STAMP, big tech and
2 multinational corporate tenants instead of for people and
3 food. We cannot allow any water to be siphoned away by
4 developments like data centers or be fooled by GCEDC's claim
5 that the data center will solve our water problems. Thank
6 you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** We're going to take a quick five minute
8 break.

9 (Recess taken.)

10 **MR. MASSE:** I appreciate everyone's patience on the
11 break there. So Richard Beatty, and then he would be
12 followed by Emily Grant.

13 **RICHARD BEATTY:** My name is Richard Beatty. I'm a
14 resident of the City of Batavia, and I am happy to be here.
15 This has been an awesome expletive deleted evening. Thank
16 you very much for that. I appreciate the tired look on your
17 face, sir, and yours. And you know what what's the best
18 thing? What's black up there? There's no data center on
19 the screen. Not a single data center on the screen, the way
20 it's going to be.

21 All right. I'm going to divert from my text. Have
22 you guys all -- you bought property, you've signed papers.
23 You get that list of all kinds of things you have to
24 (inaudible), right? Everybody know what that is? There
25 might be 15 of them. Well, I tell you what. If you look at

1 this data center paper, page 7, in part four of the
2 agreement that they're signing -- what is it? STREAM Data.
3 Whatever it is. I STREAM over it. All right. Farther down
4 in the agreement it says, financial assistance necessary.
5 The applicant is supposed to verify that it's necessary. He
6 checked the box. The CEO of STREAM, he checked box. It's
7 necessary.

8 Well, guess what? Here, I'll read it to you.
9 Financial assistance necessary. The applicant represents
10 the project would not likely occur without the financial
11 assistance provided by the agency. Guess what? When you
12 guys cancelled the first STREAM, right, the first data
13 center, a few months went by and then August of 2025 a
14 certain company -- we've mentioned this company many, many
15 times tonight. Apollo. Apollo throws their hat in the
16 ring. They're going to buy major majority interest in
17 STREAM, right? All right. We all know they got lots of
18 money. Lots of money. They got more money that you can
19 imagine. What is it? 820 billion dollars in assets.

20 So you're telling me the CEO of Apollo -- no, of
21 STREAM. He initials that without this financial assistance
22 we can't can't do the project. There's a barnyard
23 (inaudible) for the answer to that. It's bullshit. We're
24 going to take your money, but we don't really need it.

25 You know what? The idea -- and I know that the

1 state put this in as a requirement in 2015. I believe the
2 assembly and the senate both. And that's why this is in the
3 paper. That's why it's in the checklist, because the state
4 wanted to make sure that there wasn't new pressure, I guess,
5 on the agency. Well, guess what? We're stuck with it right
6 now, but maybe, maybe in the future it's going to look like
7 that. It's going to be black as night.

8 So I don't need to go through all this. You guys
9 have done an excellent job of pointing out all the crap that
10 these folks are trying to shove down our throats. You know
11 what? I don't know what's going to happen, because it's up
12 to what -- how many people are on the Planning Board? Five?
13 Five. They're going to have to be the ones. Not these
14 guys. These guys don't have to go back and, you know, think
15 what am I doing, what am I doing?

16 Those five folks, citizens of the Town of Alabama,
17 they've got the weight on their shoulders. They're the ones
18 that are going to have to decide, is this a good thing for
19 my community?

20 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Have they been here?
21 Are they here tonight?

22 **RICHARD BEATTY:** I -- whatever. You know, I don't
23 know them. I just know that I'm on -- I've been a volunteer
24 for many years on boards. And when something comes up, you
25 have to really look into your -- into the mirror before you

1 do something, because you got to be honest with yourself.
2 And I think that these fine folks here tonight, and I've met
3 many of them at various meetings before this evening, I want
4 them to, you know, pat themselves on the back because this
5 is -- you got to give it your all.

6 One last thing. On the way up I had a Who song in
7 my ear, and it was, we're not going to take it. We're just
8 not going to take it anymore. So, good night.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Emily Grant, and then Dr. Michi
10 Wenderlich.

11 **EMILY GRANT:** Hello. My name is Emily Grant, and
12 I'm from Bergen, New York. I've been a nurse for the last
13 18 years, and about five years ago I was delighted to buy a
14 farm in Genesee County. A small farm.

15 I worked hard for sure, but it felt like I won the
16 lottery to become -- or to fulfill the dream of becoming a
17 fourth generation farmer. The wellbeing of my community and
18 a responsible land stewardship defines the decisions I make
19 daily and have shaped my life.

20 A place that has become very special to me is the
21 Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. It has become a favorite
22 place to hike and sort out whatever the day brings me. With
23 farming and nursing, it can be heavy at times. It has been
24 a steadfast reminder of the natural cycles we live in and
25 that lives with us as well. It has been a source of wonder

1 as I have -- I lost my spot. Hold on.

2 It has been a source of wonder as I have been able
3 to observe the unique birds and wildlife and their beautiful
4 home. I firmly believe it should be protected at all costs,
5 not put at risk for the right price or promises. I demand
6 that the GCEDC follow all of recommendations by the New York
7 State DEC in regards to the SEQOR environmental review
8 process.

9 So the environmental concerns are of great
10 importance to me. I also oppose the financial incentives
11 package proposed by STREAM Data Centers and Apollo Global
12 Management for their data center complex. The GCEDC should
13 reject the financial incentives proposal and expect STREAM
14 to pay the cost of doing business in Genesee County and New
15 York State, which they can't afford. This is especially
16 important when it comes to out of state tenants of
17 questionable character.

18 Thank you for your time and taking my comment. I
19 echo the concerns raised by others here, and will remain in
20 solidarity with the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, other local
21 residents and all who oppose the data center and the STAMP
22 site. The community here is asking you to be trustworthy.

23 As a nurse who has been apart of the most trusted
24 profession for 18 of the 24 years that we've held that
25 ranking by the Gallup Professional Polls, you can look

1 forward to my written comment to follow.

2 **MR. MASSE:** Next up would be Anthony Capozzi.

3 **MICHI WENDERLICH:** So I'm Dr. Michi Wenderlich. I
4 live in Rochester. I'm speaking for myself, but I feel a
5 special responsibility to speak tonight as someone who grew
6 up in Canadaigua, which is the location of the treaty that
7 Chief Logan mentioned earlier, that guarantees free use and
8 enjoyment of Haudenosaunee to their lands.

9 And just a reminder that I and everyone in this
10 room, and also you, are parties to that treaty, and we have
11 a responsibility to uphold that treaty. Because we are all
12 treaty people in this country.

13 And I'm going to submit most of my comments online,
14 but I just wanted to say a couple short things. I oppose
15 1.4 billion dollars in financial incentives for STREAM and
16 Apollo, because what is this all for? AI, as it is
17 currently being developed, is a tool to increase the power
18 of billionaires, to take away jobs, defund and privatize our
19 collectively created knowledge and services, and decrease
20 the power working people have over our lives. Along with
21 autonomous control of bombing and surveilling and repressing
22 ourselves as citizens and the rest of the world. So not
23 something we need to support or certainly give 1.46 billion
24 dollars of our resources to.

25 And as someone who has fought and studied and has a

1 dissertation in looking at public and locally owned energy
2 utilities for a long time, I've seen clearly that the multi
3 national owned utilities that control New York's energy use
4 any excuse that they can to raise our rates and to offload
5 those rates on to rate payers. So this is already a sector
6 that has, you know, increased utility rates over a 150
7 percent over the last ten years, and that's without any data
8 centers.

9 And Rochester, in particular, already has the third
10 highest energy burden in the country of any city, and that's
11 with 44 percent of black and Latino households paying
12 between six and 25 percent of their incomes just for their
13 energy utilities already.

14 So as you all heard, this doesn't make any economic
15 sense. We don't need to be subsidizing billionaires, and we
16 need to take control over our lives and our future. Thank
17 you.

18 **MR. MASSE:** Anthony Capozzi. Sarah Howard. After
19 Sarah would be Jacob Clark.

20 **SARAH HOWARD:** Hello everyone. It's very late. A
21 lot of people came here wanting to speak and left before
22 they had an opportunity to speak. And I want to honor
23 everyone who is still here. It's truly a commitment and it
24 shows the extraordinary stakes that we all in this room
25 recognize we are talking about. And also, the fact that so

1 many people came and then left before they had an
2 opportunity to speak, says to me what is extraordinarily
3 clear that this one public hearing is a completely
4 inadequate opportunity for the public to voice concerns and
5 comments about a project that could transform this region in
6 profoundly harmful ways that have already been spoken to
7 extensively tonight.

8 So I demand that the GCEDC call another public
9 hearing, and that you answer questions. It is so
10 disrespectful to invite people to come here and share their
11 extraordinarily heartfelt concerns and not respond to them.
12 That is just disrespectful. It is shameful. It is an
13 abrogation of your responsibility as people who work for the
14 citizens of Genesee County. It is wrong.

15 It's also wrong that we're here, that all of us are
16 still here talking about this request from STREAM and Apollo
17 for 1.46 billion dollars to build a monster hyperscale
18 generative AI data center complex in the middle of this
19 spectacularly beautiful and special place that I have come
20 to love even though it is not my home. I live in Syracuse.

21 Even saying this number out loud makes me feel
22 rageful and sick to my stomach. It's wrong. It's wrong
23 that we all have to still be here saying no to you, saying
24 no to the outrageous notion that we could ever support the
25 GCEDC in awarding 1.46 billion to big tech, to private

1 equity, to multinational corporations who don't care about
2 Genesee County, don't appreciate this place and can't see
3 the love that we all have for what makes this place special,
4 what makes this place home.

5 I'm going to skip a lot of what I was going to say,
6 because it's really tired. I'm really tired. You can tell
7 I'm really tired. And we've all heard so much. And really
8 what I want to say is to the people who are in this room, it
9 is a gift -- it is a profound gift to hear all of you speak.
10 Like, my heart is full. I came in feeling really angry, and
11 I am leaving feeling just tremendous, profound gratitude for
12 everyone who came in here and spoke in such deep, heartfelt
13 ways about how much they care for the land, for the -- the
14 human beings and for each other.

15 And it's truly an honor to stand here -- I've been
16 standing in the back -- and hearing and taking in all of
17 that. Like, I am leaving feeling so full of gratitude. And
18 I have to thank you for creating that opportunity for me to
19 hear all of these beautiful things that people have said
20 tonight, because I am leaving feeling a deep sense of
21 community and connectedness. And that is a rare thing in
22 this world. And so I want to tank all of you and thank all
23 of you for creating that opportunity. And there needs to be
24 much more.

25 I want to say one more thing, is that I came in

1 here tonight wearing this hat. It's a union hat. It's a
2 labor hat. My dad was a lifelong union member. He passed
3 away last summer. And it fills me with sadness to be on the
4 opposite side of organized labor and unions. It, like, goes
5 against everything that I was raised to believe in. And it
6 is so sad to me that there's such few options for good
7 paying jobs that are actually sustainable and in the service
8 of public benefits and goods, that those union folks have to
9 be in here advocating for these data center jobs.

10 **MR. MASSE:** So Jacob Clark and then Sandy Steele.

11 **JACOB CLARK:** All right. Hi everybody. I'm Jake
12 Clark, Town of Aurora. I am definitely standing here as a
13 member of the Seneca Nation. Tonawanda Seneca, thank you
14 for everything that has been said. I want to stand in
15 solidarity with the local residents here and everyone here
16 in opposing this. And I will write more later. But in the
17 interest of everyone, I yield my time.

18 **MR. MASSE:** After Sandy would be Dave Steele.

19 **SANDY STEELE:** Hello. My name is Sandy Steele. I
20 live in Batavia. My husband told me, with a glee in his
21 eye, that I only have three minutes. So I won't go over
22 three minutes.

23 My heart over the last few weeks has actually ached
24 at times over the placement of the data center near the
25 refuge and Seneca lands. Adding this to the national world

1 news kept me feeling that all this is so wrong. Made me
2 step out of my little world to reach out to you and anyone
3 else to awake. Awake and realize that the extinction of man
4 and the earth as we know it is on a critical turning point,
5 possibly extinction.

6 We are giving machines power to dismiss us at the
7 least -- at the least most of us any ways. Some are going
8 to survive. Well, maybe the billionaires. When the humans
9 relinquish our oversight of AI -- and they are relinquishing
10 it -- we do this by not caring about what is happening or
11 not making people in charge be accountable for their
12 decisions.

13 This is why I am here tonight. Not to talk out
14 names or point fingers, but to plea for our communities, our
15 country, our earth all of which are one. One in spirit. We
16 all have that. This world is -- and I wrote all this. This
17 world that in many ways reacts with wounding, killing and
18 hating others, but one that also can show caring and love.
19 We can possibly -- we can possibly show caring. We can
20 possibly -- where am I? We can possibly with insight create
21 a world that helps all to thrive, including all of the
22 nature that we have.

23 So I would want you to change your mind. Think out
24 of the box that you have put yourself in. Bring something
25 to STAMP that is productive for all of mankind. Not to take

1 as -- take this position. To do this is not a failure to
2 you. This won't be a failure to you. This is a message to
3 you. Let's dance, and sing, and pray, and eat together in
4 love and care, and recognize all the humanity that's around
5 you. That's it.

6 **MR. MASSE:** After David Steele we have Shannon
7 Seneca.

8 **DAVID STEELE:** I'm going to read my statement.
9 Though I have my back to you, but I'm speaking to everyone.
10 My name is David Steele, and I live in the City of Batavia.
11 I oppose the development of the Apollo STREAM Project Double
12 Reed Data Center at STAMP. Not only for financial reasons,
13 although those are very important. Not only for
14 environmental reasons, though those are important. Not only
15 for cultural reasons, though those are a repeat of history
16 against indigenous people. But mainly for moral reasons.

17 I believe we are asking the wrong questions. Do we
18 really want to do something that would further the
19 development of artificial intelligence when that technology
20 is currently being used to kill the young school girls and
21 innocent civilians in the Iran war? Do we really want to
22 bring in a Apollo Global Management, a multibillion dollar
23 corporation whose founder and former CEO, Leon Black, has
24 been connected with Jeffrey Epstein? Do we really want to
25 give this corporation 1.4 billion in tax abatements over a

1 30 year period when the rapid in advancement in artificial
2 intelligence may make the whole facility obsolete in ten
3 years?

4 GCEDC is a public benefit corporation whose stated
5 vision is to, quote, foster increased economic activity for
6 our community by providing a high quality of life for our
7 residents and their families, unquote. So why do I feel a
8 need to volunteer for an organization that has estimated 500
9 children sleep on the floor every night in Genesee County?
10 Why do I understand that Batavia City schools provides
11 children with backpacks full of food to get through the
12 weekend? Now, I am all for parental responsibility, but
13 this is ridiculous in the wealthiest nation on earth.

14 So I submit the debate over the GCEDC Apollo STREAM
15 Data Center is missing the larger question. That question
16 is not whether we can build Project Double Reed, but rather
17 should we? I believe we should not. Thank you.

18 **MR. MASSE:** Shannon Seneca. Ruby Seneca-Brock.

19 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** They went home. They're
20 going to submit written comments.

21 **MR. MASSE:** James Barnett, and then Angela Carlson.

22 **JAMES BARNETT:** My name is James Barnett from
23 Lackawanna, New York. I'd like to thank the stenographer.
24 I talked to the driver in the Local 435 truck parked
25 outside, and I understand his position that there are

1 thousands of construction jobs lined up.

2 The problem is GCEDC isn't properly vetting
3 companies that want in on STAMP. For example, STREAM U.S.
4 Data Centers and Apollo Global Management are requesting an
5 inordinately large sales tax subsidies or breaks for 1.44
6 billion dollars over 30 years. Since there are 58 thousand
7 people in Genesee County, that comes to up to every man,
8 women and child subsidizing a multibillion dollar company
9 from Texas, reverse carpet baggers, to the tune of 24
10 thousand dollars each. Okay.

11 This is -- how did this happen? Incompetence?
12 Indifference? Kickbacks? This is not acceptable. In fact,
13 STREAM U.S. Data Centers submitted a local labor waiver to
14 lower local hires from 90 percent, the usual, to 40 percent.
15 GCEDC is enabling billion dollar corporations to rip off the
16 people of Genesee County. This is criminal malpractice.
17 The people of Genesee County deserve better, and the workers
18 of Local 435 deserve a better project that they can be proud
19 of.

20 Since I've been coming to these meetings for the
21 last three years, and I see no results, I have requested a
22 forensic audit by the New York State Comptrollers
23 Investigation Division, Offices of the IG, Inspector General
24 of New York, and Office of the New York State Attorney
25 General. May I submit you a copy of my letters, please, to

1 these organizations?

2 **MR. FITZGERALD:** Sure. Anything you want to submit
3 in writing.

4 **JAMES BARNETT:** Good. I'll submit it to you. All
5 these videos will be replayed during the trials. Thank you.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Angela Carlson and then Christine
7 Abrams.

8 **ANGELA CARLSON:** All right. Part of me wants to
9 just give up my time, but I'm also very annoyed, so I'm
10 going to talk. My name is Angela Carlson. I grew up in
11 Oakfield. I teach at Oakfield-Alabama, and I live in
12 Batavia with my husband and two small children.

13 I'm here to state for the record that Project
14 Double Reed is a poor investment for the Genesee County, and
15 a direct threat to the stability of our schools and all the
16 children in this area. We are being asked to award one of
17 the largest subsidy packages in U.S. history to a data
18 center. But as a teacher, I have seen the hidden story of
19 how these deals actually work.

20 Number one, we have the funding trap. STAMP sits
21 within our school district. Typically new industry means
22 new tax revenue, but companies like Edward Vacuum and now
23 STREAM use PILOTs, that is payment in lieu of taxes. And
24 here is the trap. New York's funding formula counts PILOT
25 payments as if they were standard tax revenue, and that

1 makes Oakfield-Alabama look wealthy on paper. And because
2 the state thinks we are rich on paper, they reduced their
3 aid and restrict our ability to raise local funds. And we
4 just saw the fallout. Our district was forced to cut staff
5 and increase class sizes, and the economic wins for the
6 GCEDC are causing our school to lose.

7 And then there's the transparency gap and the
8 donation distraction. The GCEDC calls this PILOT new money,
9 but they are hiding the full math. They haven't shown us
10 the year by year comparison of what the school should
11 receive versus what the PILOT actually pays. Right now,
12 STREAM's attempting to curry favor by making two 50 thousand
13 dollar donations to our district. And while that might seem
14 like a lot of money to a school, it is a disgracefully
15 pathetically small when you compare it to the 1.44 billion
16 tax abatements this company is receiving. We are being
17 offered crumbs while they take the bread off our students
18 tables.

19 This part I'm going to kind of skip over, the high
20 to low return. Everyone has lambasted you, telling you it's
21 silly to have this much money going to new jobs. I'm going
22 to take this moment to also say the things that have been
23 happening in our schools. For instance, we have -- of
24 course Sandy's done a great job, but now she is teaching 7th
25 and 8th because the beloved Mrs. Bookmiller retired and they

1 couldn't fill her position. If any of your, like, children
2 or grandchildren need extra reading help, you know, it's
3 harder and harder for us to afford to actually pay those
4 reading specialists. So, you know, it really upsets me to
5 see kids who I know need help, you know, get bypassed
6 because we just don't have the staff to do it. So, you
7 know, it really hurts me, but I know that, you know, in many
8 ways that you guys just don't care because it's not your
9 kids, but you should care.

10 So I end with this. Mark Masse and the GCEDC know
11 that these PILOTs wreck havoc on school budgets, but they
12 will be retired or promoted by the time the bill comes due.
13 It is our children who will pay the price for these empty
14 promises. So I urge you to prioritize our students over
15 cooperate subsidies and demand a full transparent accounting
16 of how this affects our children's future.

17 They matter, we matter, Alabama-Oakfield, our
18 indigenous neighbors. Shame on you for forgetting that.
19 How you could, I don't know. This is wrong. We are nothing
20 without community. And I used to think it would be
21 ignorance that destroyed society, but now I know it will be
22 ego, greed and apathy. Don't be a part of that.

23 I have been watching your poker faces tonight.
24 They're faltering. You look like scolded school kids. I
25 would know. So as a mother and a teacher, I will teach and

1 advise. It is what I do. It takes strength to admit
2 mistakes. Find that strength. Stop betraying your
3 community, the future generations and the land. Apologize.
4 Work to undo the harm that you have done. We will offer
5 grace, but you must do the work to redeem yourself. Thank
6 you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Is Christine here? No. Brandon Lewis
8 followed by David Gianturco.

9 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Hello. My name is Brandon Lewis.
10 I'm here representing myself. And I am just overjoyed with
11 the turnout tonight. I am so proud of our community. I
12 think Mark and Chris and the rest of you that are sat up
13 here tonight, I think your talents are very underutilized.
14 I think you should all go to the pentagon so that you can
15 train our soldiers in compartmentalization techniques.

16 The way that you've been able to sit here tonight
17 is truly impressive, stone faced, listening to the community
18 that does not want this project. How many projects over the
19 20 years you've worked for the GCEDC have had this kind of
20 turnout?

21 I'm a GCEDC success story. Some might call me a
22 hypocrite for being up here. I own the Firing Pit in
23 Gergen, right? In 2013 I was 23-years-old, I had a business
24 idea that I wanted to follow through. I reached out to the
25 GCEDC, we went through the process. I had to pay upfront 20

1 thousand dollars to work through the process to get a
2 hundred thousand dollars over ten years in tax breaks. Very
3 similar ones that the data center is asking for. Sales tax
4 exemptions, property tax exemptions.

5 They helped out my small business with ten
6 employees get our foot on the ground, get started on a
7 proper path. I got a hundred thousand dollars in tax
8 breaks. You're trying to give a 1.46 billion in tax breaks.
9 That's 14,000 firing pits. Would you rather have one Kodak
10 or 14,000 small businesses that are a little bit more
11 resilient? We've heard a lot of people speak to that
12 tonight.

13 Something else that no one has brought up. I find
14 it very interesting that they are so afraid of us that they
15 hired an armed government agent to sit here all night, to
16 protect themselves from the very people -- I can't even say
17 they represent us, because they don't. They are appointed.
18 This is just your job, Mark. Are you the CEO? You're the
19 CEO of the GCEDC? Chris, what do you do now?

20 **MR. SUOZZI:** Executive Vice President.

21 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Okay. So you guys work for the
22 Board, at the Board's pleasure, right? Who's the Board? No
23 one has spoken about the board of the GCEDC? Where are any
24 of them? Was any Board member present tonight? Did you
25 confirm or deny that?

1 **MR. MASSE:** I have no idea.

2 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Do you know the Board members?

3 **MR. MASSE:** I haven't seen the sign-in sheet.

4 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Chris, did you see any Board
5 members here tonight?

6 **MR. SUOZZI:** No.

7 **BRANDON LEWIS:** No, you didn't see a single one
8 here tonight. Now, there is a stenographer here presumably
9 so these Board members can sit in their palaces and read
10 this while they're drinking their ten thousand dollar
11 bottles of wine, I'm sure.

12 I'm going to read their names, because if I was a
13 board member -- if I was a board member, what I would do
14 when I get the transcript is I would control F my name. No
15 one has mentioned these people's names tonight.

16 Peter Zeliff. He owns an energy company. Who
17 would have thought about that, right? Matthew Gray. Who
18 knows Matthew Gray? Who as ever eaten at Alex's Place? He
19 gets to vote on this. Think about that before you get some
20 ribs. Paul Battaglia. He owns an accounting firm, right?

21 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** And he doesn't live
22 here.

23 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Oh, weird. Chandy Kemp. She's a
24 lawyer. I'm not going to say anything. Laurie Mancuso.
25 Probably all I need to say, right? And we've got Kathleen.

1 Where are any of them? Oh, and Craig Yunker. Craig Yunker
2 owns CY Farms. Just putting that out there.

3 So how many of the Board members were here tonight
4 to listen to the public? None of them. When they read this
5 transcript they should be embarrassed, they should be
6 ashamed. I don't know how anyone of you sleep at night. I
7 truly don't. I don't know how you work a job like this
8 where you go to communities that don't want you here.

9 I know you don't own the company. You don't care.
10 You've sat here all night with a blank expression on your
11 face. I don't know if you could solve a CAPTCHA. If I
12 asked you how many street lights are in this photo, I don't
13 think you could do it. I think you're controlled by
14 ChatGPT. You're getting downloads from the Cloud or
15 something.

16 **MR. MASSE:** Can we --

17 **BRANDON LEWIS:** Sure, yep. See you guys.

18 **MR. MASSE:** David. After David would be Alina
19 Egolf.

20 **DAVID GIANTURCO:** I know it's late. I'll keep it
21 really short. My name is David Gianturco. I live in
22 Amherst. Long time connection to Akron, New York as a
23 child, and very frequent visitor to the Iroquois Refuge and
24 the adjacent state lands.

25 I would just say this to you, that the refuge and

1 the adjacent lands, the Rez, the state properties are the
2 last vestige of something you could call the wilderness in
3 this area. It's the last -- it's the last reasonably intact
4 space. And it is a little bit compromised, but it is the
5 one place we have left. And even though this project is on
6 the edge of it, not technically apart of it, it's clearly
7 going to impair that wilderness area.

8 Chief Logan spoke his concern -- main concern about
9 the hum. It's something I very much share beyond the
10 construction noises or whatever. And that argument of 65,
11 45 we heard tonight was pretty much from a suburban
12 neighborhood measurement. But in the wilderness, that sound
13 is going to carry. And that's the sound of this data
14 center. But that could be exacerbated by other developments
15 at STAMP.

16 Furthermore, we know that a lot of the data centers
17 -- and it might be true that they'll die on the vine. But a
18 lot of the data centers that are being built around the
19 country are being expanded and metastasizing into other
20 nearby data centers. Clearly, we've had that already here
21 with STAMP taking Plug Power property. So we've already had
22 an expansion here. And that could happen again.

23 So when we think about the noise pollution and the
24 light pollution, we have to think in terms of more than just
25 this one building. We need to be very careful in measuring

1 that. Think that through. The benefits -- I kind of wish
2 some of the construction guys were still here because
3 construction jobs are important. You know, I'm in my late
4 60s. Anybody this old knows how tough it was to get a job
5 here in the 70's. You know, work is important. And it's
6 not that I want diss those guys, but this project is really
7 better off in a brownfield site. And there are so many of
8 those in Lackawanna and Buffalo and Rochester. And, you
9 know, there are better places to put this.

10 I mean, if you have to have a data center -- I
11 think a lot of of us are iffy about that, but if you have to
12 have a data center, a green space next to a wildlife refuge,
13 next to a reservation where people just don't want the
14 project, next to a fly away that was built specifically
15 because of the loss of property and places for birds to land
16 is just not the place for this project. So I would say to
17 the construction folks, I hear you and I don't want to take
18 work away from you, but this probably just isn't the right
19 place for this project.

20 I would also say to you that having worked in a
21 data center in Rochester -- and I'm smaller, but there were
22 four of us in that data center, and I was part-time at the
23 data center. If this company told you that they were going
24 to have 125 jobs, I would get that in writing because I
25 don't think you're going to get 125 jobs. I just don't.

1 Maybe that's a guarantee in the contracts. I don't know.
2 But I would sort of have that in writing.

3 I guess the other thing I would say is, you know,
4 transparency here. I don't know that this is your fault,
5 but the transparency. It's unfair to the local community
6 for us to not know who the ultimate clients are or what the
7 ultimate purposes of the data center are. If it is Apollo,
8 I'm not a hundred percent sure that that's right. If it's
9 not going to be them using the data, they're going to
10 have -- they're going to have other clients that manage the
11 company. So who's ultimately going to populate this data
12 center? What are they going to do with it?

13 It matters to us to know that because that business
14 and whether they're a good corporate citizen or whether
15 they're a bad corporate citizen or whether they're going to
16 try to expand locally, we need to know that. It's a fair
17 thing for us to ask, and I think that's a fair thing that
18 Apollo -- if it's Apollo and STREAM ought to be telling you.
19 If they're not, then you should be able to share that with
20 us. And I'm hoping that you can provide that transparency.

21 You know, I know STAMP hasn't gone well. I know
22 you guys are under a lot of pressure. You know, I know -- I
23 know you want to give jobs to local area. I appreciate
24 that, but this project is not a cure all. It's a trap. And
25 I really, really hope you avoid that trap.

1 In summary, you know, I would say not as an
2 (inaudible) thing, it's just not the right place for this
3 project. It should go someplace else where a community
4 might want it at a brownfield site where it wouldn't be
5 causing the problems it's going to cause here. And, you
6 know, I would urge you to just understand that this project
7 in this location doesn't pass the smell test, and I would
8 urge you to reject it. And I thank you for your time.

9 **MR. MASSE:** After Alina would be Adrienne Yocina.

10 **ALINA EGOLF:** Hello. My name is Alina Egolf. I am
11 a neighbor in Gaines, New York. I am new to Orleans County.
12 I'm here because my fiance and I just moved here four months
13 ago to be first generation farmers. And allowing
14 billionaires these tax cuts scares away other people like me
15 who want to contribute to rural communities and see a
16 change.

17 So I'll submit the rest in writing. But just one
18 other note that it's a conflict of interest that the GCEDC
19 is acting as lead agency for environmental review of this
20 data center, and that STREAM had provided all of their own
21 research for them to look at. We need better checks and
22 balances.

23 The Town of Alabama Planning Board has told us that
24 their hands are simply tied and there's nothing that they
25 can do. To that I would like to ask, has anyone you've ever

1 admired in your life backed down from a barrier when a group
2 in need asks for representation. Please do better. Thank
3 you.

4 **MR. MASSE:** Adrienne Yocina, and then after would
5 be Arthur Barnes.

6 **ADRIENNE YOCINA:** My name is Adrienne Yocina, and I
7 live in Pembroke. I'm permanently disabled, as are many of
8 my neighbors both on and off the Tonawanda Seneca Nation who
9 I stand in solidarity with. There's also a large population
10 of elderly people in this area.

11 I believe the proposed STREAM Data Center
12 development is a public safety disaster waiting to happen.
13 This is also the reason I respectfully request the GCEDC to
14 reconsider giving Apollo Global a 1.46 billion dollar
15 subsidy or abatement. Number one, my closest department,
16 Indian Falls, is staffed with a very reliable but mostly
17 aging group of volunteers. Adding a 2.2 million square foot
18 mega site to the existing load of the amusement park and the
19 the I-90 coverage -- sorry, I'm nervous -- will stretch our
20 sparsely spaced department far too thin.

21 Number two, since most apartments are operating
22 with an aging and day job working volunteer base, this
23 project would place a 24/7 high voltage industrial operation
24 into that mix. That includes our current EMS and sheriff's
25 department, which we pay for, who have to respond to alarms

1 either emergency or non-emergency, because they all need a
2 response.

3 Number three, the STAMP area -- which for my
4 statements and purposes I am including Basom, Oakfield,
5 Alabama, Corfu, Pembroke and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation --
6 has a large vulnerable elderly population. Every minute our
7 limited crews are tied up at a complex industrial alarm at
8 STAMP is a minute they are not available for our residents,
9 heart attack or stroke. This project would trade resident
10 safety for server safety.

11 And number four, data centers house massive lithium
12 ion batteries and chemical fire suppression systems. We do
13 not have the specialized hazmat equipment, high volume foam
14 or training to handle chemical or electrical failures of
15 this magnitude and size.

16 Finally, five, the unfunded public safety mandate.
17 This project is being fast tracked with a massive tax break,
18 yet the staggering cost of protecting it and the liability
19 if we fail falls entirely on a local volunteer system that
20 would be stretched entirely too thin, especially for an
21 irresponsible industry being put into a park that was
22 originally intended for semiconductor manufacturing.

23 Finally, if I have time just to add, I take a
24 personal affront as a community member and I feel personally
25 disrespected as a mother of three, who raised three kids to

1 adulthood here, that the GCEDC would do business with an
2 Epstein connected company. Anyone connected in any way to a
3 sex trafficker of children should be ostracized, not invited
4 into our home with a 30 year partnership. Thank you.

5 **MR. MASSE:** Arthur Barnes. And then after Arthur
6 Barnes would be Elton Logan.

7 **ARTHUR BARNES:** Hi. My name is Arthur Barnes. I'm
8 from the Town of Shelby, and I'm an ally of the Tonawanda
9 Seneca Nation and I'm here to talk about the land.

10 The territory of Tonawanda Seneca used to be a lot
11 bigger than what it is now. The land where STAMP is right
12 now, that was part of the reservation. Where we're all
13 sitting right now, this was part of the reservation. They
14 didn't sell their land. They didn't give away the land. It
15 was stolen through fraud.

16 In 1838, a fraudulent treaty took away all their
17 land, all their reservation and they were ordered to move to
18 Kansas, but they fought it. They resisted. They fought it
19 all the way to the supreme court, and they won. They won
20 the right to buy back their stolen land. They bought back
21 as much they could. They couldn't buy all of it. Too much
22 time had gone by, a lot of it was already gone through greed
23 and fraud. But what they did buy back is what the
24 reservation is right now, the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. You
25 go there, that's the land that they bought back. It was a

1 huge victory because it meant they could maintain their way
2 of life.

3 STAMP was required legally by federal law to
4 consult with any neighboring sovereign nation next to the
5 project, which would have been Tonawanda Senecas. That
6 didn't happen. They kept the Nation in the dark as long as
7 possible so they could prevent them from challenging their
8 plans. They never stopped doing that, working this way.
9 They're always keeping people in the dark. They're trying
10 to push things through before people fully know what it is.

11 What is the hurry here? This is really important.
12 We need to do it right. An argument could be made that
13 STAMP wouldn't even exist had they not violated federal law
14 and consulted with the Nation about it. The Tonawanda
15 Seneca Nation, they fought for their land and they won.
16 They, along with their allies, fought against hydrogen plant
17 and running a waste waterline through the swamps. And they
18 won. And the hydrogen plants are sitting there empty now
19 like tombstones.

20 The Nation, along with the Sierra Club, took the
21 GCEDC court and argued against the first data center. They
22 challenged the outdated, insufficient environmental quality
23 review they were using. GCEDC dropped it. They dropped
24 their application instead of providing their data. The
25 Nation won that one, too.

1 The Tonawanda Seneca Nations, their allies and all
2 concerned citizens will keep fighting until we win. It's
3 not a done deal. The Nation never ceded the land at STAMP.
4 They still consider it as part of their territory. But they
5 aren't asking for it back. They just want to not negatively
6 affect the land where they live right now.

7 If the data center does fail, which I hope it does,
8 which it should, I don't know who is going to own that land
9 or who is going to be responsible for it. But I hope there
10 is consideration of returning that land back to its rightful
11 owners. They will take care of it. They will be good
12 stewards. It would be a chance to right a wrong that would
13 benefit all people. At some point greed, grift and fraud
14 has got to stop. Now would be a good time.

15 **MR. MASSE:** Elton Logan, and then next would be
16 Grace Miller.

17 **ELTON LOGAN:** (Speaking Native American). So what
18 I just said in the beginning was I'm here to talk about some
19 things, and the first thing I wanted to do is introduce
20 myself, because I know you guys did that but you guys wanted
21 all us to do that. And so at first I introduced you by my
22 name, because that's what you said. And so my name
23 (speaking Native American), and then I said in English I'm
24 called Elton Logan.

25 I grew up here in Tonawanda. My mind and my heart

1 still reside here in Tonawanda. But as of right now, I live
2 in Gowanda with my girlfriend. And my whole life I grew up
3 here over in Tonawanda. Everything I know I learned from my
4 uncle, I've learned from all of my uncles, I've learned from
5 my grandpa. He lived right down the road from me.

6 Actually, my cousin lives in the same house that he lived in
7 himself where his grandparents lived and so on and so forth.

8 Every single day when I woke up, I would be lucky
9 and fortunate enough to see my grandpa in his pickup truck
10 that could pretty much just make it from in front of my
11 house all the way down to his house. But as he got older,
12 it was getting a little bit harder for him to go out into
13 his garden, which was right across from my house. And he
14 planted in the same exact spot that his grandpa planted.

15 And so right now there's actually a volleyball
16 field. But right across the road where I grew up there's a
17 garden now that we have with my mom. And I grew up my whole
18 life with my brother and my sister being able to grab all
19 those different things from this garden. Each and everyone
20 of us here -- I'm also here not only representing the
21 Tonawandas, the people of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, I'm
22 also here representing the Six Nations Agricultural Society.

23 More than half my life, more than majority of my
24 life -- I'm only 25 years old, but more than half my life
25 I've been a member of the Six Nations Agricultural Society.

1 I was originally a member of the Tonawanda Agricultural
2 Society group, but now I'm apart of the Cattaraugus chapter.
3 And so one of our main things is promoting food sovereignty,
4 promoting food growth, growing agriculture amongst us as the
5 Haudenosaunee but also amongst us as the people in
6 surrounding areas as well. We're not discriminatory. If
7 you want to plant, we'll show you how to plant. If you want
8 to work with animals, we'll show you how to do that.

9 And so that goes hand in hand with us being the
10 original stewards of the lands. If you ever actually do any
11 research that benefits the environment yourself, you would
12 notice that it's statistically proven that anywhere where
13 lands are being, I guess you would say, oversaw by the
14 native people in the area, they do exponentially better than
15 any of the different lands that are being housed or overseen
16 by, for lack of a better term, white people.

17 And that's not just to say, well, go after white
18 people. Melanated people in general. Melanated people in
19 general take better care of land, take better care of the
20 environment and their surrounding areas. They don't just
21 trash it. They don't just put up buildings that will never
22 harvest growth or harvest anything. They don't put up trees
23 that grow fruit. They put out plants that kill all the
24 other animals that are around them. We actually go hand in
25 hand with all those different things.

1 That's one of the different things -- that's one of
2 the main things that's important to us as Haudenosaunee more
3 importantly as (speaking Native American) people. It's all
4 across the island. It's all across the whole globe.
5 Wherever you find indigenous people. They all hold that
6 same meaning, that (speaking Native American). Each and
7 everyone one of us. You, you, you, you. All those guys
8 that left, that dude over there.

9 All those union workers who think just because they
10 get paid to do the same thing a lot of the men in here do
11 for free for all the different (speaking Native American),
12 all the (speaking Native American), all the different old
13 people that live in our communities. We do the same thing
14 they do, but they think they're better than us just because
15 they get paid to do it, because they're in a union.

16 There's many of us who are also in that same union.
17 Many of those same people who live over in Rochester or
18 (speaking Native American). There's people all the way from
19 Syracuse, New York. That's where my dad is from. He used
20 to be able to swim in that pond, that lake over there. Just
21 because of people like you who decided that we don't care
22 about the people who actually fish in those waters, people
23 who swim in those waters, the people who drink those waters.

24 I used to be able to swim in there as a kid. I
25 have five sisters. All of us, and my brother, we would all

1 go swimming in that lake. It look few years, a few years
2 for my dad to say they closed it. Well, why? Because it
3 can hurt you. All these different stories I heard from my
4 uncle. As I mentioned, he taught me everything I know.

5 And (speaking Native American) way back in the day,
6 the way it used to be, that creek that we have, that creek
7 runs all the way down past Batavia. That water used to be
8 clear. That used to be like the water you get from your
9 fountain. You'd hold it in your hands and you could see
10 right through it. That's exactly what our creek used to be
11 like. (Speaking Native American). It used to be a good
12 creek. And then people like you who said, yeah, we don't
13 care about them. Oh, they fish? Oh, they drink that stuff?
14 Oh, they bathe in there? That's how clean it is? But it
15 doesn't matter if we dump stuff in there.

16 Doesn't matter if their food can't be eaten. It
17 doesn't matter if those fish get contaminated, if those
18 animals start getting contaminated, if the land itself
19 starts getting leached by all these different poisons that
20 you guys are contaminating our places with.

21 Eventually us as (speaking Native American) Six
22 Nations Agricultural Society, we won't even be able to plant
23 anymore. (Speaking Native American) I plant all the time.
24 All of us, we plant all the time. You travel anywhere,
25 you'll see each and everyone of those gardens and

1 everything. All that stuff that sustains us. We still use
2 that same stuff, whether it's that -- all the vegetables and
3 the fruits, those things that grow in the dirt. Or whether
4 it's (speaking Native American) all those different animals,
5 (speaking Native American) all the different birds. Those
6 ones with the beautiful voices, like my Grandma Cookie said,
7 or like the ornithologist, Jerry said.

8 We too are ornithologists ourselves. We're
9 astronomers ourselves. We're astrologists ourselves
10 ourselves. Each and everything that those people up here --
11 just because you have something on your sweatshirt that says
12 that's what you are, just because you have doctorate -- I'm
13 not dissing any of you doctors around here. But I'm just
14 saying that we also (inaudible) that have their master's at
15 PhD levels, we have lawyers who have their master's at PhD
16 levels, we have teachers who have master's at PhD levels.

17 Just because we don't walk around with that badge,
18 just like us (speaking Native American) people. You can put
19 on your Sunday best and whatever. We can put on our
20 (speaking Native American) too. But after we take those
21 clothes off, we still get looked at as just a dirty Indian,
22 as just a savage, as somebody who is not to be cared of, as
23 somebody who's not to be thinking of, even their opinions
24 being regarded.

25 The sole fact that not a single one of you, that

1 guy, the people at GCEDC, the people at Apollo, the people
2 at STAMP, the people at STREAM, not a single one of you
3 reached out to any of us. Not a single one of you reached
4 out to the (speaking Native American), the clan mothers, to
5 all of the chiefs, to all of our different people out here,
6 to all the different people out here.

7 All these people are coming from Batavia, Aurora,
8 Rochester, Syracuse. I came all the way from Gowanda. I
9 seen other people from -- they're (speaking Native
10 American). That's by Seneca Falls. I seen people who come
11 all the way from (speaking Native American). That's even
12 farther than where I come from. So I need you guys to
13 understand that it's not just you. It's not (speaking
14 Native American). We're all equals. We all need to be
15 loving.

16 I do not understand what it is with you guys.
17 (Speaking Native American). What is your problem? I do not
18 understand what it is. I'm a teacher. I take these kids
19 down to the creek. I take them out in the woods. My uncle
20 talks about these animals. And when he tells me, he says
21 that they're not here anymore, but we still have the words
22 for them.

23 I'm trying so hard to keep my composure right now.
24 I don't want to be able to tell my nephews and teach them
25 these words and tell them that we don't have them anymore.

1 (Speaking Native American) when they used to be rich, when
2 they used to be abundant. It's taking everything out of me
3 to, like, keep a good mind right now. I need you to
4 understand. It's not just me. It's not just them.

5 Seven generations before us. My grandpa, he went
6 on TV to do the same exact thing I'm doing right here, to
7 try and stand up to people who are invading our lands. That
8 same thing happened. The people who are refused to move,
9 they died in those houses because they didn't want to leave
10 where they were born, where they come from.

11 Look at all these people out there. They're doing
12 the same thing. You do that stuff, you put that up, that
13 hydrogen blows up on us. Where do you guys live? Far as
14 hell. You'll be safe. You'll be cozy. Your kids will be
15 safe. You're falling asleep. You're falling asleep. You
16 guys don't care.

17 I literally am going to go to work very early in
18 the morning. The same time those union guys wake up, I
19 probably wake up before them and I clock out after them. I
20 don't just work teaching the Seneca language and culture in
21 that class, in that building. I do it after school. I do
22 it all over the country. I've been all the way down south,
23 all the way out west. I've been all the way up north
24 without taking a boat sharing what I know. I've been all
25 the way to Hawaii. I have been asked to come all the way to

1 New Zealand before to share what I know, to share with white
2 people who are dealing with the exact same thing that you
3 guys are doing here.

4 We have people who got arrested standing up to the
5 (speaking Native American). We have people now who are
6 being arrested for standing up to the same type of things
7 that we're standing up to here. It's not about money.
8 Okay. You guys can find something else to do to money with.
9 Like, you guys do not even understand the environmental
10 capacity that we have to invest in that can do the exact
11 same stuff that you guys do right here.

12 Everything you're trying to do, everything you
13 think AI is going to do for you, it's irrelevant to the
14 actual sustainability of us as people. Not just you guys
15 living off of the reservation, not for just us living on the
16 reservation. As I mentioned, that water travels all the way
17 down there. It's not going to stay here. All that water
18 that you guys contaminate, it's going to go into the water
19 cycle. It's going to travel hundreds of miles away from
20 here. It's going to fall down again, and then that's going
21 to get contaminated.

22 I know it's late. I mentioned I'm not trying to
23 come at you guys. I'm still trying to take into effect that
24 we're all still people. You guys have a job. I do my job,
25 too. You guys have to be here, but we want to be here.

1 That's the difference. We want you guys to listen to us. I
2 don't -- actually don't know why you brought up respect in
3 the sense that you're stopping us from our voices. You're
4 not letting us finish your speech, you're not letting us
5 finish our message.

6 It's not really even about respect. If it was
7 about respect then you guys would have started it at a
8 reasonable time, and we would have made sure that you could
9 have spread it out over three days. If you don't want to be
10 here that bad, then split it up. Have us have an adequate
11 amount of time to come here and discuss what we're doing
12 here.

13 This guys over here, like, you can send a message.
14 Okay. Well, we are. We're trying right now. Right here.
15 I'm really apologizing to the stenographer because she's the
16 most respectful out of all of you guys right now. She's the
17 only one who has been genuinely listening to us. Like, this
18 guy has not taken a single note the whole night we've been
19 here. That guy. None of these guys have taken a note. If
20 we're over here being transparent with how we feel, then I
21 need you guys to also be transparent with what's going on
22 here.

23 And I know -- I'm going to finish up. Just one
24 more thing. As everybody else has mentioned, I don't know
25 why you guys are okay with it? I mean, I think we can

1 assume why you guys are okay with it. But nobody has
2 mentioned exactly the -- I guess the severity of what we're
3 talking about. So the Apollo Corporation, their CEO, yes,
4 that Leon Black, he was affiliated with Epstein. They were
5 best friends. But also the current CEO, Marc Rowan, 380
6 documents, over one thousand pages. Do you guys understand
7 that? I know there's no questions. One thousand pages.

8 And Apollo goes, okay, but it was blah, blah, blah,
9 saying it was just regular business, all that stuff. So
10 then federal investigations found that all of the different
11 payments that this company -- well, they say it wasn't the
12 company. That Leon Black had made were significantly way
13 higher than any of the other different payments that were
14 made to any of his other "advisors".

15 So disrespectfully, as a teacher, as an uncle, as
16 somebody who plans to have kids -- I want to fill up all of
17 these fingers. You see this? They're empty right now.
18 There's one on here because I plan on being with this girl
19 forever. All the rest of these ones, I want to make sure I
20 can fill these hands with kids so I can take them down to
21 the creek, so I can take them down to the woods. I can do
22 the same things I did with my uncles that I did with my
23 grandpa.

24 You guys need to have compassion in your heart. I
25 don't know if you guys have kids, but, like, would you put

1 lead in their bodies? Would you give them a poisoned bottle
2 of water? Somebody else mentioned the reason they call it
3 (speaking Native American) is what it means is he fights
4 villages. The reason they did that is -- you guys probably
5 don't even know.

6 What happened is this thing called the Sullivan
7 campaign. George Washington appointed somebody else to go
8 through all the different (speaking Native American) the
9 Seneca and Cayuga villages and completely eradicate them.
10 They took babies, slung them against trees, smashed them up
11 against rocks. They took all the women and -- I'm sorry.
12 You've heard enough before. But, yeah, they did very awful
13 things to them. All the young men, they knew they would
14 eventually become their warriors, so they killed them too.

15 They burned all the different fields. They clogged
16 up all the waters. They eradicated all the different
17 animals, all the different birds. We had so many other
18 different birds that we still do dances for, but the
19 (speaking Native American) people killed them off. They're
20 not here anymore. There used to be eels that swam in the
21 creek out in -- out in Onondaga. They don't swim anymore.
22 We used to have salmon in our creek over here. They don't
23 swim anymore. We used to have this wild dog that ran in our
24 forests. It's not here anymore.

25 Do you guys want to contribute to more of that? I

1 know it's a rhetorical question. You're not answering
2 anything. I just need you guys to sit here. Go home and
3 try to sleep with all this. My nephews, they live right
4 down the road. I have family who live right down the road
5 literally in Alabama, in Indian Falls, whatever you want to
6 call it.

7 But as other people mentioned (speaking Native
8 American). We're still here. This is still technically our
9 land. A lot of the people (inaudible). At the very bottom
10 it says property of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. I don't
11 know where you guys live, but it probably says that same
12 thing underneath yours. You go all the way as far as
13 Buffalo, you go all the way as far as Ohio, that was us.
14 Ohi:yo'. They call it Ohio because of us. Kentucky,
15 kentake, in the field. They call it that because of us.

16 So many different places around here. You know, if
17 you leave in Cheektowaga. I don't know where you live, it's
18 from us. We were already there. 30 thousand years before
19 your people ever put their feet on the boat that took them
20 here. Bering Straight, whatever, that's been debunked. Any
21 other theory like that has been debunked. Our bones keep
22 being found earlier and earlier and earlier than you guys
23 are saying that we've been here for.

24 I just need you to understand that we want your
25 bones to also be able to be found. There's not going to be

1 anybody to find our bones. There's not going to be anybody
2 left. I know you guys are tired, so (speaking Native
3 American).

4 **MR. MASSE:** Grace Miller, and then James Blackburn.

5 **GRACE MILLER:** Hello. I am Grace Miller. I am
6 originally from Oklahoma, but now I live down the road in
7 Lancaster. And I'm here because wherever I am, I know to
8 listen to the native people about how to steward the land
9 and water.

10 I wanted to say that it's fine to me that it's so
11 late, because this is a horror story. And as a parent, I
12 find this entire project to be very anti-child, and
13 therefore anti-future. So I do have someone things to say,
14 but I just want to point out that it's very disturbing that
15 you would consider citing education and the future of our
16 children, and then point at this project, which is a
17 dystopian box, and imply that it's somehow worthy of our
18 future, our children, our grandchildren.

19 Everybody here, we all have a future that we're
20 living for, and you want to put them in a box. Are these
21 even real windows? They're just going to scurry around,
22 scattered throughout this vast thing with machines that are
23 looking out of the destruction through maybe real windows
24 that have been wrought. And from the top to the bottom this
25 is inherently anti-child, anti-future in things that make

1 people rich.

2 So I am now transitioning to speak on behalf of a
3 hydrologist. So this is water. It's extremely important.
4 It's late, but you need to listen. This is submitted by Dr.
5 Madeline Nyblade. She is from SUNY College of Environmental
6 Science and Forestry, but speaking on her own understanding
7 as a scientist.

8 My name is Dr. Madeline Nyblade. I'm a hydrologist
9 and researcher who has conducted independent analysis of the
10 flooding and storm water impacts at the development at
11 STAMP. I'm submitting these comments in my personal
12 capacity as a scientist and not on behalf of any
13 institution, and I'm here to speak plainly about what the
14 science tells us.

15 Large portions of the Tonawanda Seneca Nations
16 Reservation lie downstream from the STAMP site within or
17 adjacent to the hundred year flood plane. These are
18 vulnerable to rising water table conditions. My analysis,
19 using digital elevation models and surface hydrology tools,
20 show clearly the increased development at STAMP increases
21 flood risk to the Nation's land and their waters. The
22 proposed STREAM Data Center, a campus of three buildings
23 totalling approximately 2.2 million square feet, spanning 90
24 acres of permanent development the across two sites, is the
25 largest single permissive and pervious surface yet proposed

1 at STAMP. Large roof tops, paved driveways, parking areas,
2 generator yards to replace land that once absorbed rainfall.
3 The water has to go somewhere. It goes downstream. It goes
4 towards the Nation and towards Oak Orchard Creek.

5 What concerns me deeply is that the storm water
6 plants to serve this project are not adequate. New York
7 State DEC reviewed those plans in February of this year and
8 identified more than 20 significant deficiencies. The
9 drainage maps don't match actual conditions on the ground
10 here. NYSDEC has questioned whether the rainfall modeling
11 methodology even meets state standards.

12 The proposed construction phase, erosion controls,
13 the measures meant to keep sediment out of our waterways
14 during construction are in some cases simply the wrong
15 tools, placed in the wrong locations. Post construction
16 storm water practices are modeled to fail under any major
17 storm events. These are not just minor paperwork problems.
18 These are fundamental flaws in a plan that is designed to
19 protect downstream water quality and prevent flooding.

20 I also went to flag an unresolved question about
21 where exactly this site's storm water flows. The Tonawanda
22 ditch in this area has historically flowed northeast towards
23 Old Orchard Creek. That is what it is built to do, and that
24 is what the USGS stream mapping shows. The fact that
25 regulators and the applicant cannot agree on something as

1 basic as which way the water flows tells me something
2 important about the state of this whole analysis.

3 GCEDC should not grant financial incentives to this
4 project until the storm water plans are approved, until
5 downstream impacts on the Nation are independently assessed
6 and until the Nation has been meaningfully consulted. I
7 oppose the financial incentives request submitted by STREAM
8 U.S. Data Centers, and I demand that the GCEDC follow all
9 NYSDEC's recommendation. And I call on GCEDC to recheck the
10 incentives application from STREAM U.S. Data. Thank you,
11 Dr. Madeline Nyblade, PhD.

12 And one more comment from myself. Just how dare
13 you act like you don't know what this is going to do to us.
14 We know from everything we've learned at Love Canal this is
15 going to manufacture poison. We know from Kinzua it's going
16 to manufacture environmental devastation and endless grief
17 and loss. And we know from Tonawanda Creek, which impacted
18 my family. They are not here to speak because it
19 manufactured disease and death. So how dare you look at our
20 children and want to put them in that box. Thank you.

21 **MR. MASSE:** James Blackburn. No? Neal Keating.
22 Oliver Kennedy. And then next would be Luca Passalacqua.

23 **OLIVER KENNEDY:** All right. It is late. For the
24 record, my name is Oliver Kennedy. I'm a resident of
25 Amherst, and I'm here on behalf of not just myself but my

1 wife, Christina Rockwell, and my son, Zachary Kennedy. And
2 also for the record, I oppose this project, I oppose the tax
3 breaks, and I insist that the project follow the SEQOR
4 guidelines.

5 Many people have already spoken far more eloquently
6 here than I can on everything from the needs of the
7 Tonawanda Seneca Nation to the environmental impacts, the
8 concerns around sound to the fact that this project is out
9 in the middle of nowhere, remote location that has limited
10 connectivity for potential employees. The infrastructure
11 and resources it would take.

12 Bluntly, I would like to address five specific
13 points. And the first is just that the tax breaks make
14 absolutely no sense. The 1.4 billion dollar incentive is
15 just unnecessary. That amount of money would create an
16 equivalent amount of jobs if you just gave it to people. It
17 makes no sense.

18 On a more personal note, I've taken many trips to
19 the Iroquois Wildlife Preserve with my family, and it is an
20 incredible place. The stillness of the area, the connection
21 that one feels with nature when hiking through that --
22 through the space would be undercut even with a little bit
23 of external noise. So the proposed construction makes very
24 little sense in that specific location. It would take away
25 a major source of financial support for the region, tourist

1 dollars and just ruin a massive treasure.

2 I want to also address the concerns more generally
3 related to data centers of this nature. Artificial
4 intelligence has a very -- it very intensively uses the
5 hardware that it is trained on. The estimates -- I've heard
6 estimates of about two years of life cycle. This project
7 would generate a huge amount of e-waste, and that would need
8 to be taken care of somehow. There's no time for that.

9 And then the final point, AI is a bubble. Just
10 recently Open AI walked away from a major deal with Oracle
11 to build large amounts of data centers under the concerns
12 that there were -- there was not modern enough technology.
13 After a year, Open AI did not feel like the technology was
14 relevant anymore. This is not a sustainable business model
15 and it is something that -- it is a trap that this project
16 is walking into. Thank you.

17 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Luca Passalacqua. Tyler
18 Palmsand. No? Okay. Was there anybody here who signed up
19 not to speak but would like to say anything? Sure.

20 **ALEXANDRA MACK:** Hello. My name is Alexandra Mack.
21 I'm from Lockport, New York. I will be brief because it is
22 very late. There was only two people that spoke tonight in
23 favor of this project. Everybody else did not -- does not
24 approve of it, obviously.

25 I'm speaking in solidarity with the Tonawanda

1 Seneca Nations as well. Sorry. I'm not a great public
2 speaker. Thank you everyone. I am speaking from my heart,
3 genuinely. I'm not a scientist. I'm not heavily educated
4 like a lot of people that have spoken tonight. But I feel
5 that if you can't get full clarity on the pertinent details
6 of the project, you're not acting in good faith towards the
7 people. When you disregard the environmental effects on the
8 land, you are not being good stewards of the land. When you
9 promise money in the billions, 1.44 billion I think it was
10 potentially, you are not being good stewards of taxpayer
11 money.

12 So what is the good that could possibly come from
13 this project? Please reflect, reconsider and think about
14 the legacy you're leaving for future generations that will
15 have to deal with the problems you caused with our earth.
16 Thank you.

17 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Was there anybody else who
18 didn't sign-up to speak that wishes to say?

19 **KING SUNDOWN:** My name is King Sundown. I
20 originally wasn't going to speak tonight because I really
21 believe that there wasn't anything productive for me to say
22 to you guys. Because I came here -- unlike Elton, I came
23 here with a really bad mind. Unfortunately, you guys
24 represent a lot of things that I hate.

25 And at 20 years old, it's kind of a big burden for

1 me to take on to hate you people who represent the
2 capitalism that oppresses people across the nation or the
3 environmental degradation that oppresses our non-human
4 relatives. And so I came here with this anger. This really
5 deep anger.

6 And it wasn't until Val came up with her little boy
7 Odin that that mask of anger got torn away. And it was
8 really fear. You guys represent a lot of my fears. And the
9 biggest fear that you guys instill in me is the fear of
10 bringing a child into this world. I'm only 20 years old. I
11 have my whole life ahead of me, and sometimes it's like what
12 I can think about is I would love to have a kid. I would
13 love to raise a kid and show them the wonders of world and
14 where I grew up, right here.

15 And you guys bring that fear into this world. And
16 you put my future at risk, and then you make me think that
17 it's not okay for me to bring a kid into this world because
18 you're going to put their future at risk. And I just want
19 you guys to remember that at one point you were the seventh
20 generation. You were little boys at one point. Wide eyed
21 and curious and happy and ready to learn and do all these
22 great things.

23 And there was a room of people at one point before
24 you were even a thought, with hearts just like all these
25 people sitting behind me, who fought for your future, who

1 took a stand and said, no, we're not going to let that
2 happen with our kids. You were them at one point. You were
3 the seventh generation, just like at one point I was the
4 seventh generation.

5 But as I get older, I'm old enough to understand
6 that as time goes on this line where you cross from being
7 the seventh generation to the next steward or the next
8 parent or the next responsible party, it shortens each time.
9 Each time. And at 18 it felt like a lot to pick what I
10 wanted to do for the next four years, but I chose
11 environmental natural resource management at the School of
12 ESF, Environmental Science and Forestry.

13 And I took that on knowing that it was going to be
14 an uphill battle for the rest of my life. And that
15 throughout my entire career I'm going to think about all
16 these horrible things that are brought on not just
17 indigenous people or white people or black. It doesn't
18 matter what color you are. It's every living thing. You
19 know, the balance is going to get thrown off.

20 And I don't know if I'm going to even live to see a
21 day where I can take my kid on a walk. Like Elton was
22 saying, all these things are leaving us, all the non-human
23 relatives, all the plants and all the animals. They're
24 forgetting about us because we forgot about them because you
25 guys are forgetting about the children who are going to take

1 care of them some day.

2 And so I just felt I at least had to say that, and
3 remind you guys that you were little boys at one point, and
4 someone fought for you a long time ago. And now these
5 people are doing the same thing. And I think you should
6 honor that. Because the company you come from does not have
7 that same integrity, and you will be on the wrong side of
8 history, and I will make sure of that. I will spend the
9 rest of my life making sure you guys go down as the bad
10 guys.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

12 **MADÉLINE BOHL:** My name is Madeline. I came here
13 from Rochester tonight, and I'm standing here in solidarity
14 with the relatives on whose homeland I currently reside, and
15 in solidarity with all of life. I'm against a single penny
16 going towards STAMP and STREAM projects. I oppose the
17 development in its entirety and, as is my duty, as a treaty
18 person.

19 You're not getting paid enough. You're not getting
20 paid enough to use school kids as pawns, to sell residents a
21 water guzzling, cancer causing, life destructing capitalism.
22 You're not getting paid enough to deny your own humanity, to
23 sell these local residents' energy and their futures. Can
24 you look the local school kids in the eyes and tell them
25 that you're hoodwinking their parents for you to make a

1 buck, for your shareholders to make a buck? Can you look
2 yourself in the eyes and be proud of the work that you're
3 doing?

4 I hope it's hard for you to sleep tonight. I hope
5 that you hear the noises, the 16 whatever. The noises and
6 the lights that the residents who currently live by data
7 centers have shown horrifying videos online of. But I hope
8 also that once you do sleep, that you dream that the love
9 that has been presented in this room tonight with us is
10 contagious and that you dream of a world with clean drinking
11 water, with no data centers, a world where life is valued
12 over profits, and a world where land is given back to its
13 original stewards.

14 Say no to heartless (inaudible) and say yes to your
15 own humanity. I know it's buried in there somewhere under
16 the dollar signs that you must be looking at, because I
17 don't see anything else behind your eyes tonight. But
18 though you may not yet recognize that your flourishing is
19 bound up in all of ours, and I hope that you're able to
20 maintain your humanity intact and start acting like it. I
21 echo the demands for more accountability and more public
22 hearing sessions. Thank you.

23 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Anybody else who hasn't
24 spoken?

25 **ELIJAH CUNNINGHAM:** My name is Elijah Cunningham.

1 I'm from Gaines. And AI, in my opinion, is a scam. It
2 sounds like this project is a scam. It's a bad deal for the
3 environment and evidently it's a bad deal for the people.
4 So I think you should listen to the people and not go
5 forward with this. Thank you.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Anybody else who didn't comment that
7 still wants to?

8 **CHRISTINA BIRT:** Hi. My name is Christina Birt,
9 and I'm from Hamburg, New York. I originally did not intend
10 to speak tonight because I've never been to a meeting like
11 this. And I'm not from Genesee County, and I don't think
12 it's necessarily my place to tell people in another
13 community how they should respond to situations in their own
14 community, but I would like to echo what I've been hearing
15 today and say that I do not support allowing this.

16 I had the privilege to go to college in southeast
17 Ohio, which is in Appalachia Ohio. It's actually Appalachia
18 Ohio, unlike middle town Ohio. And I learned while I was
19 there the impact that harmful industries and industries that
20 destroy nature can have both on the people that work in
21 those industries and the community themselves.

22 I have been privileged to student teach in a school
23 that did not have the funding that they could have had
24 because of the way that the income taxes were allocated
25 towards certain schools in that county. And I've had the

1 privilege today to start teaching a group of 7th graders
2 about the industrial revolution. And those 7th graders
3 knew, without me having to say anything, the harmful
4 environmental impacts the industry can have. If 7th graders
5 who've never learned this before can recognize those, I hope
6 that you can as well. Thank you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Anybody else who didn't
8 speak who wishes to?

9 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** If I already did, can I
10 add something?

11 **MR. MASSE:** If you make it quick.

12 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Okay. I just feel it's
13 very poor that the Genesee Board isn't here to look all
14 these people in the eye. They're not going to look at that
15 hundreds of pages of stenographer. How dare they not be
16 sitting in them chairs next to you guys, listening to the
17 people.

18 They're not going to look at them stenographer.
19 They're not going to read all that. They're going to make a
20 one and a half billion dollar vote and a decision without
21 even being here to listen to the people. If that's not
22 wrong, what is? None of them are here. Who is that Board?
23 All the Board members you read off, why are they not here?

24 **MR. MASSE:** So anybody else have any comments? So
25 that will conclude our public hearing. We will take written

1 comments up to March 31st. On our website, there's an
2 e-mail address there. Please submit them. Thank you
3 everybody for coming out. We appreciate your time.

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5 (Proceedings concluded at 12:45 a.m.)

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