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1 **MR. MASSE:** Good afternoon, everybody. We're going
2 to get settled. It's 4:00. We'd like to get started. My
3 name is Mark Masse. I'm the president and CEO of the
4 Genesee County Economic Development Center. I'd like to
5 thank everyone for coming out today for this public hearing
6 on proposed benefits for the STREAM U.S. Data Center
7 Project. Otherwise known as Project Double Reed.

8 The purpose of this public hearing is to solicit
9 comments and feedback about the proposed incentives being
10 requested by this project. This is the second public
11 hearing that we are holding for this project. The project
12 is seeking a payment in lieu of taxes, PILOT, property tax
13 abatement, host benefit agreement with the taxing
14 jurisdictions, a mortgage tax abatement and a sales tax
15 abatement. These incentives are not cash given to the
16 company. They are abatements on future taxes that would be
17 owed by the project so the future tax isn't paid.

18 Few ground rules for the public hearing. This is
19 not intended to be a question and answer period. We are to
20 listen to your perspective. We understand that many of you
21 here today have very strong feelings on the project. We
22 encourage you to express them. However, we ask that you be
23 respectful of others who may have differing opinions. You
24 can certainly clap if you agree with something that is said,
25 but please do not boo, hiss or otherwise express your

1 displeasure for those whom you may disagree with. Everyone
2 is entitled to express their opinion without fear of
3 intimidation.

4 Please sign in on the sheet if you have not already
5 done so. If you wish to speak, please place an X by your
6 name. What we are doing is we added another column that
7 says if you did not get a chance to speak at the first
8 meeting to check the box. So we're going to try and have
9 those people speak first before we move on to people who
10 spoke at the previous hearing.

11 If you are speaking, please try to be succinct so
12 that everyone who wants to speak has an opportunity to do
13 so. Based on the number of anticipated speakers, we're
14 asking that you limit your speaking time to three minutes.
15 At the 30 second mark I think Adam will hold up a piece of
16 paper so you know you'll have 30 seconds left to speak.

17 If you're unable to finish your comments within the
18 time limit, we encourage you to submit them in writing. We
19 will continue to accept written comments through the end of
20 the day tomorrow, Friday, April 17th. Written comments may
21 be e-mailed to STREAMpublichearing@GCEDC.com. Any comments
22 received, whether written or oral, will be compiled and
23 given to the Board prior to the Board meeting where a final
24 vote on the proposed incentives will take place.

25 We are going to start the public hearing with a

1 short presentation on the proposed project and proposed
2 incentives. At the end of the presentation, any written
3 comments that were received -- and we've got those back at
4 the office, that we've received via e-mail -- they will all
5 be included in the record that gets provided to the Board.
6 We'll then start calling people up to the podium in order.

7 And I think what we're going to do is what we did
8 last time. We'll call out a speaker and then a second name.
9 And if the second person would like to come up and sit next
10 to the chair with a bag on it so we can try to keep things
11 moving along. So we'll always call out who's on deck. And
12 if that person can come up and sit next to the speaker,
13 maybe we can proceed through these pretty quickly.

14 Before providing any comments we ask that each
15 speaker clearly state their name and municipality where they
16 reside so we can make sure it's accurately reflected in the
17 record. Again, each speaker will be given three minutes to
18 read their comments. You'll be given notice when you have
19 30 seconds left to go in your comment period. Again, if you
20 are unable to finish your comments within the three minute
21 time limit, we encourage you to submit written comments and
22 follow-up to your testimony. We'll be accepting written
23 comments on the proposed project through the end of the day
24 on April 17th using the e-mail
25 STREAMpublichearing@GCEDC.com. If there's time at the end,

1 after everyone has spoken, if somebody else wishes to speak
2 who did not sign up, they will then be given an opportunity
3 to do so.

4 At this time, I would like to have Chris Suozzi go
5 through the presentation on the project.

6 **MR. SUOZZI:** Good afternoon. Thank you for coming.
7 Chris Suozzi, Executive Vice President of Business and
8 Workforce Development here at Genesee County Economic
9 Development Center.

10 I was born in Genesee County. Let's say, some 50
11 plus years I've seen a lot going on in Genesee County. I
12 look at back in the 70s, you know, when the unemployment
13 rate was tough for a lot of us who are in the 70s. Jobs
14 were tough to find, right? There wasn't a lot of diversity
15 of jobs around. The economy was tight. My parents -- my
16 dad was a barber. And in the 70s, everybody had long hair,
17 so you can tell there wasn't a lot of people getting
18 haircuts. My mother worked in the factory, line work,
19 assembly work. And when you looked at the factories back in
20 the old days, they weren't to the level that they are today,
21 right? The factories had their heyday. They weren't really
22 made well for the environment. Technology wasn't there.

23 But when you fast forward, you know, 40 some odd
24 years ago, a lot of things have changed, right? A lot of
25 good rules to protect the environment are in place.

1 Technology has increased. You see a lot of great equipment.
2 When you look at something like Edwards, the facility that
3 just has been built here at STAMP, you got a great facility.
4 Modern, very sensitive, sustainable environment. Free --
5 they do a lot of LEED certification. They made that
6 building really nice. There's retention ponds and what have
7 you. So that facility went through the system, took into
8 consideration all the rules and regulations.

9 So I just say that just in terms of what we're
10 doing here today. So ultimately, as Mark had mentioned,
11 everybody's voice is going to be heard. People are here
12 today to transcribe. Videos are here with a backup video.
13 Our Board will listen to every single comment and play the
14 videos back, so everybody's voice is going to be heard
15 through this process.

16 This public hearing is for incentives. That's the
17 nature of it. Now, when we flip the page here, Jim. As an
18 industrial development agency we are a public benefit
19 corporation, and on our website we have a lot of
20 information, a lot of detailed information. But as an IDA,
21 as Mark talked about earlier, we have three tools in our
22 toolbox. Property tax, sales tax and mortgage tax
23 exemptions. That's kind of the incentives we're going to
24 talk about today.

25 For those tools, we are trying to generate tax

1 revenue for our local municipalities and trade jobs. All
2 right? So that's what we do. Our mission, our values are
3 on line. And again, we're here in full transparency, follow
4 New York State laws and processes.

5 So a little history. So again, I've been here
6 quite sometime. I've been here just about a little over 19
7 years. And when you look at over 200 projects that we've
8 helped incentivize over 7 million in annual PILOT payments
9 and property taxes and employ thousands. And if you look at
10 that site right there, that was done in the Town of Bergen,
11 rural community. It doesn't happen overnight. This
12 happened over 20 plus years. And now that site is sold out.

13 And in fact, in that top left corner is a brand new
14 Oxbo building where some of us were there today for a ribbon
15 cutting ceremony on a brand new 200,000 square foot
16 facility. And all that was done in short order over the
17 last couple years. And all the rules and regulations,
18 obviously, as I talked about earlier followed.

19 Next. When you look at some of the other things
20 that we get involved in, some of them are not only
21 industrial projects but we have some of the healthy living
22 stuff that's going on. We helped assist the Rochester
23 Regional, the Y in downtown Batavia. We helped with the
24 Target facility with Target and Dick's. So we helped bring
25 that to light. And just recently we did a housing project

1 right at Medtech, right across from GCC, where we had 80
2 market rate apartments. So we want to be able to have this
3 place as a live, work, play destination.

4 Then, you know, some of our flagship programs that
5 we've helped incentivize, you can see there's been a lot, as
6 I said, over the course of time. And here's an example.
7 NEXgistics in Pembroke, the Edwards facility, Yancey's Fancy
8 in Pembroke, Freightliner, Liberty Pumps, the Oxbo building
9 I just talked about, HP Hood, Upstate Niagara. So that's a
10 few examples. So eight industrial parks we've set up.
11 We've sold five of the eight already out over the course of
12 time. So that's kind of what we do.

13 So this is a guy named Coach Swazz. So I do a lot
14 of workforce development, and -- because ultimately we want
15 to have our kids work here, live here and play here, right?
16 And so we inspire, prepare and support our workforce
17 partners. We've invested nearly a million dollars over the
18 course of time getting high schools new equipment, getting
19 kids to think about jobs that are in their backyard. We
20 have GLOW With Your Hands event, for example, where we get
21 kids getting out of the classroom, working with their hands,
22 seeing what careers are out there that, again, are here and
23 they're local.

24 All right. So Genesee County is an environmental
25 team, right? So there's a lot of environmental concerns,

1 and we're part of a lot of those. So we're sensitive to the
2 environment. I know a lot of people in the room are
3 sensitive, and we're right with you on that. So there's
4 site permits. And again, all the projects must conform to
5 local, state and federal laws. And that's what we do. And
6 those are some of the teams that are there.

7 STAMP's history. So going back through time --
8 again, I've been here a long time myself, but 2008 started
9 the feasibility study. Actually, we had a visit from Yahoo.
10 They were looking to site their data center in 2008. We had
11 town hall meetings beginning in 2010 where we were talking
12 about the vision of STAMP. We had key folks go look at
13 sites across the country, and we consulted with the
14 Tonawanda Reservation in 2010 to talk about what we were
15 doing for our vision.

16 **MR. WALTERS:** Please be respectful.

17 **MR. SUOZZI:** I was actually in Longhouse myself in
18 2010. But public input at STAMP on the environmental impact
19 statement happened from 2010 to 2012. And then we did a lot
20 of those town hall meetings at this place right now. We
21 explained what we were looking to do. And then in 2012 the
22 town voted, two-thirds voted and approved the zoning, which
23 includes (inaudible). So all that was done.

24 Permitting and infrastructure took place in 2013,
25 and continues to today. Buffer areas and SEQR updates

1 happened. And a lot of things that I'll point out as the
2 buffer area and listening to our neighbors, the concerns
3 with the Big Woods, we actually took more land and made it a
4 buffer area. If you can see that green area, I'll kind of
5 point to it right here. So this area here, for example, we
6 didn't follow the local -- there's typical setback rules.
7 We took and gave, like, a hundred acres and put it as buffer
8 space.

9 Next is the NYISO. So five years of studies,
10 what's called New York Systems Independent Operator studied,
11 and 600 megawatts were eventually approved. Edwards Vacuum,
12 as I mentioned earlier, clean facility, new technology,
13 opened this year. Big investment to the community. Great
14 jobs are coming with -- they have about 26 jobs right now.
15 Their average salary is 80,000 per year on 343 jobs. Thank
16 you. 343 jobs.

17 So anyhow, currently when we look at STAMP, what
18 has STAMP done so far to date, right, the investment? So 94
19 percent of the residents have water, and we spent 11 million
20 dollars to do that. Improvements in roads, highway trucks
21 purchased. Over the last five years the tax rate has
22 decreased 21 percent. Edwards Facility has nearly doubled
23 the assessment in fire department tax base. And then 3.3
24 million dollars have been revenues to the local economy.
25 1.1 million to the town, 2.2 to the school.

1 The data center process again, as we know, started
2 in 2025. All the documents are available again on our
3 website. STREAM held two informational sessions in the
4 town, you know, to answer some questions. There's a lot of
5 information out there, and they wanted to make sure they
6 were heard and you had the ability to do that. We always
7 encourage to talk to us. We've had meetings, some
8 one-on-one meetings with folks, and we're happy to do so as
9 well.

10 The industry is a trillion dollar industry.
11 National security, with the CHIPS Act, is a big part of
12 things that are happening. Part of the semi-conductor
13 ecosystem, and then minimal services required versus other
14 companies.

15 Next slide, Jim. So STREAM Data Center will be
16 building the facility and then lease it back to a Fortune 50
17 company. So I know there's been discussions been
18 non-disclosure agreements, and this is a legal process. And
19 in this case, the tenant had an non-disclosure agreement
20 with STREAM Data Centers as well as with us. So now it's
21 confidential information, and that's part of the legal
22 process.

23 How many people are familiar with O-AT-KA and HP
24 Hood? They have NDAs for contract manufacturing that
25 they're doing. So there's people that they're contracting

1 that they have a non-disclosure agreement with. So that's
2 part of the process. There's reasons for business,
3 competitive reasons.

4 The data center project is 19.46 billion. Looking
5 to build three buildings. To size it up compared to
6 Edwards, Edwards is a 240,000 square foot building, about 45
7 feet tall. These will be three buildings, 366,500 square
8 feet footprint, but about 20 feet higher than Edwards.

9 Okay. Water. As we talked about earlier,
10 technology and water has improved. Now, data centers back
11 in the heyday -- now, they were around about 25 years, and
12 they had big water, right? So they used one million gallons
13 a day. And a lot of these data centers were down in the
14 south. Technology has improved. Now they're using less
15 than 20,000 gallons per day. They have a closed loop
16 system. Very highly sustainable.

17 Next slide. And then on the (inaudible) side,
18 again, only things they need water for and sewers for really
19 bathrooms and sanitation sewer only. There's no external
20 discharge. And we're spending 4 million dollars to upgrade
21 the Oakfield facility as well.

22 Noise compliance. Following the Generic
23 Environmental Impact Statement, or GEIS, those are the
24 thresholds there. And it's very much -- when you see
25 essential air, that's kind of -- at a residential house,

1 that's kind of the noise level that we're talking about.
2 All those studies are still in process and will be
3 determined through the process.

4 Again, on the power side. 600 megawatt substation
5 and 500 megawatts is going to be utilized by STREAM. And
6 the study -- five year study by the New York Independent
7 Systems Operator confirms no impact to the grid reliability.

8 And then why did STAMP take so long is for this
9 next slide. Why is it taking all these years? The cost of
10 infrastructure is so high that it takes this long. That
11 substation costs over a hundred million dollars, and that's
12 being paid by private companies and our agency. So the
13 ratepayers are not impacted at all and STREAM will not be
14 given discounts. They'll be using market rate power.

15 Now, going back to Yahoo. They ended up landing in
16 the Town of Lockport, 30 miles from STAMP. In 2010 they
17 finished the building. 190,000 square feet. They had IDA
18 incentives of which property tax was discounted, sales tax
19 was given, mortgage tax. Then in 2012 New York State
20 exempts sales tax for what they call internet data centers.
21 So that means all the servers going forward didn't need a
22 sales tax exemption incentive. And then over time,
23 throughout the 400,000 square feet, and it's been going for
24 over 16 years. No issues with the environment or any
25 problems in the Town of Lockport.

1 So getting to the incentives side. Why our
2 incentives are out there, obviously because of the
3 relationship to the investment, but because of that internet
4 data center there's some gray area because there's really
5 not an internet data center today per se, right? Back when
6 Yahoo did it in 2012 when that was formed, there was thought
7 about internet being part of a data center, and so that was
8 part of the incentive.

9 So now that area is a little gray because this is
10 not an internet based data center, so they look to us to
11 give that exemption. Which normally the state does a sales
12 tax exemption. So the state normally gives it and nobody
13 sees it. So 14 other states give sales tax exemption.

14 And this is not cash to the company. Okay? So
15 even on paper, if we give the exemption -- it's like you go
16 to Walmart and you're buying a computer and you hand a piece
17 of paper, and that piece of paper says you don't have to pay
18 sales tax. 4 percent local, 4 percent to the state. So
19 that piece of paper exempts you, if you will. That's what
20 it is. So it's not money in hand. We don't give them 1.4
21 billion dollars. It's on paper. But it's really for
22 insurance purposes if the state exemption doesn't come true.
23 Follow me? Okay.

24 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** No. I think you need to
25 explain that a little bit.

1 **MR. WALTERS:** This is not a question and answer
2 session. Ladies and gentlemen, we're here for a
3 presentation for --

4 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** We don't understand the
5 presentation.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Everybody -- everybody, please, relax.
7 Chris will go back and explain it, and we'll continue on
8 with the process. Please, please.

9 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** No. Why are you
10 standing up?

11 **MR. SUOZZI:** Sales tax exemption. Let me go
12 through it one more time. Okay? So from the state level
13 the internet data center exemption exists. So the question
14 is, is the internet data center part of this project? So
15 there's some gray area there because --

16 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** What about all those
17 solar panels?

18 **MR. SUOZZI:** We're not talking about solar panels.
19 Let me keep going. So the sales tax exemption is asked by
20 us because that's one of our tools in our toolbox. So
21 that's why we're talking today about backstopping the
22 state's exemption process. So --

23 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** So that's not even a
24 real number?

25 **MR. SUOZZI:** So it is a number in terms of the 1.43

1 billion based on servers that they're going to purchase. So
2 if you're going to Walmart and buying a computer, there's a
3 piece of paper that says -- and I'm just using Walmart. So
4 there's a piece of paper that says you're exempt from sales
5 tax, so at that point that exemption happened. So it's on
6 paper, if you will.

7 So, next slide. So mortgage -- I'm going to keep
8 going. Sorry. I'll talk afterwards. I'll talk after.

9 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Where's the 1.43 billion
10 going?

11 **MR. MASSE:** So the exemption is that the payment
12 never gets made. That is the benefit to the company is that
13 the exemption means they don't pay the 1.4. What Chris is
14 talking about under New York State law in the Department of
15 Taxation and Finance, they made them exempt.

16 So if you look at any kind of a manufacturing
17 facility, any of the manufacturing equipment they buy is
18 sales tax exempt by right. If you go to the New York State
19 Department of Taxation and Finance, they give you a list of
20 items that are not subject to sales tax. Manufacturing
21 equipment is something that is not subject to sales tax. So
22 if Hood or Graham's or whoever buys a piece of manufacturing
23 equipment, they don't have to pay sales tax on it by right
24 under tax law.

25 What the state did was they added an item under

1 exemptions for servers used in an internet data center. So
2 at the time Yahoo came in and constructed, they had what was
3 called an internet data center. Which means they have the
4 data center piece but they also provided internet services.
5 So under that, by law, they were exempt from paying sales
6 tax on servers.

7 When Chris says it's a gray area, that means that
8 the company could go to the Department of Taxation and
9 Finance and say, we don't think we should have to pay sales
10 tax, we think we fall under this exemption. But the company
11 instead is requesting that sales tax exemption as part of
12 this, which means that they just don't pay the sales tax
13 when they acquire the servers.

14 So that's -- again, we don't want to get into
15 questions. And Chris can help you afterwards. So, again,
16 we want to keep going. We're almost done with the
17 presentation. We can get into the public comment period.
18 If you want to ask those questions in the public comment
19 period, we will be able to provide responses to them when we
20 get done with them.

21 **MR. SUOZZI:** So the last thing here is mortgage
22 recording tax exemption valued at 31 million dollars, and
23 that's for debt that's recorded in Genesee County that we're
24 able to exempt. The payments -- like I said, the third tool
25 we have in our toolbox is the property tax. Typically we

1 use that as incentive for companies, like Edwards, to
2 attract them here to lower the taxes. In this case, we did
3 the opposite. And we worked with the assessor, the assessor
4 came up with a value. And it's not based on construction
5 cost. But the assessor had a value. We upped it 115
6 percent.

7 And beginning after the three buildings are built,
8 7 million dollars annually will be coming into the local
9 economy with a two percent increase over the 30 year period.
10 That increase in the premium and assessed value values over
11 84 million over 30 years. So by us bumping it up 115
12 percent added more revenue to us.

13 The 285 million dollars is the total number over 30
14 years that will coming in to the town, the county and the
15 school district. On top of that, there's a sales tax on
16 electricity. So on electricity they'll pay sales tax, and
17 that will go to the county in the tune of 9 million a year.

18 So, next slide. And then there's 7 million a year
19 being allocated towards economic development and workforce
20 development projects to include the next generation
21 industrial parks and more infrastructure in Genesee County.

22 Then there's tax relief. Obviously, each
23 municipality will have the ability to reduce taxes. They
24 will also take some of that revenue for local services, like
25 the water project that the county is looking at. And then

1 there's 500 acres still available at STAMP after the project
2 and more infrastructure capacity as well.

3 And then construction jobs. Over a five year
4 period there's going to be a lot of construction going on to
5 build 2.2 million square feet. And then their jobs onsite.
6 There's going to be 125 onsite careers with an average
7 salary of 88,000 per year.

8 And then GCC -- and a lot of the jobs are going to
9 be from the construction side and then on to the IT side
10 with network, computers and information technology. And our
11 Genesee Valley BOCES and GCC are aligned today for some of
12 that.

13 The overall economic impact, 1.96 billion dollars
14 is three to one ratio when you keep the sales tax incentive
15 in there. So for every three dollars that the company is
16 putting into the system, there's a dollar of incentive. So
17 obviously that ratio gets eliminated if they go to the state
18 and get the exemption.

19 We have a lot of information on our website, and we
20 appreciate, you know, going to the website. And with that,
21 I'm going to turn it back over to Mark.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Yeah. So as part of this also, the
23 GCEDC had received a third-party report by the Applied
24 Economic Clinic that was highly critical of the economic
25 incentives under consideration for STREAM and questioning

1 the accuracy of the cost benefit analysis that was prepared.
2 I'm sure a lot of you are probably going to cite some of the
3 statistics in your remarks tonight.

4 That being the case, I'd like to take a moment and
5 offer a few comments on the report and its key findings,
6 which hopefully speakers can find useful as they make their
7 comments today.

8 So the report stated that STREAM did not provide
9 any supporting materials for its cost benefit analysis which
10 fails to meet the standard (inaudible) in public decision
11 making. To be clear, the GCEDC is the one who prepared the
12 cost benefit analysis, not STREAM. This is a standard
13 analysis we've done for every single project we've received
14 for many years.

15 And to prepare this analysis, we have a software
16 program that was developed by the MRB Group that does the
17 calculations and is used by industrial development agencies
18 that have evaluated applications for financial incentives
19 across the state.

20 The report also states that the proposed facilities
21 will consume many times the electrical generation capacity
22 currently operating in Genesee County. This is both
23 irrelevant and inaccurate. It's irrelevant because STAMP's
24 been awarded and allocated 600 megawatts of power from the
25 NYISO, and the facility will be powered entirely from the

1 Robert Moses Hydropower Facility in Niagara County, New
2 York.

3 It's inaccurate in that there are currently 867
4 megawatts of solar projects that are generating, earning
5 construction in Genesee County. There's also 133 megawatt
6 project within three miles of the STAMP site which would
7 then bring Genesee County generation to approximately one
8 gigawatt.

9 The report states that the project costs keep
10 changing, as if that somehow indicates inaccurate analysis.
11 To clarify, STREAM has submitted three different
12 applications as the project evolved. Each time the project
13 changes, the GCEDC staff recalculates the cost benefit
14 analysis and then holds a public hearing based on the
15 revised application. It is not all uncommon for projects to
16 change their investment or revise the project as they move
17 through the application process.

18 The report states that STREAM has requesting sales
19 and mortgage tax abatements that are worth 25 times more
20 than the benefit the project would provide through PILOT
21 host community benefit agreements. The local sales tax and
22 mortgage tax abatements for the project are currently
23 estimated at approximately 700 million, while the total host
24 PILOT payments are estimated at 285 million. That is only
25 two to three times, not 25. And it also fails to account

1 for regular tax payments the project would be required to
2 make for the life of the project once the PILOT agreement
3 and host community agreement ends, nor the significant sales
4 tax revenue and wages for construction and operation lulls
5 that would be generated by the project.

6 The reports states that assessing the value of data
7 centers is challenging and complex, and that if STREAM's
8 proposed assessment is incorrect the ratio of benefits to
9 abatements will be impacted. The base assessed value that
10 was used for the facility in the cost benefit analysis was
11 provided to the GCEDC by the local town assessor. The same
12 person who would determine the value for the data centers
13 once they are constructed.

14 So at at this point in time, we will move into
15 public comments. Again, I would ask everyone please to be
16 respectful of the speakers even if you disagree with their
17 perspective. Also, before making comments, we just ask that
18 each speaker clearly state their name, spell their last name
19 and state their municipality of residence clearly so that we
20 can get it correctly in the record.

21 As a final reminder, each speaker will have three
22 minutes to make their comments. There will be a warning
23 when you have 30 seconds left. And if there's time at the
24 end of the hearing and anyone who did not intend to speak
25 wishes to make a comment, will be given an opportunity at

1 that time. And again, thank you all for your attendance
2 today. And again, we're going to go with people who did not
3 get a chance to speak at the last hearing we held, and we
4 will name off a speaker and then who's on deck. We would
5 ask that who's on deck, please come up and sit in the chair
6 so we can try and move through as many speakers as we can in
7 as efficient a time frame as we can.

8 So first one with is Patrick Mahoney, and on deck
9 would be Ralph Garcia.

10 **PATRICK MAHONEY:** Hi. My name is Patrick Mahoney.
11 M-A-H-O-N-E-Y. I'm a neighbor from Buffalo. I am strongly
12 against the STREAM Data Center project and the requested
13 financial incentives.

14 AI is a reality of our world, and we need to ask
15 what the long-term effects will be on our community and
16 humanity. This is a historic moment not only for Genesee
17 County but the state, this country and the world. The
18 arguments against the STAMP project are extremely strong.
19 Massive use of energy emits to catastrophic -- catastrophe
20 of climate change. Area pollution, water pollution, noise
21 pollution. Harm to wildlife, wetlands, nature preserves,
22 harm to agriculture and indigenous people, and the rising
23 utility cost to this community.

24 Billionaires and massive corporations are currently
25 calling the shots, and they are coming into Genesee County

1 not to benefit the people of this region but to make
2 billions. And promises of -- I think the promises of jobs
3 is greatly inflated. I have been a union worker for almost
4 30 years. My father was union. My brother, a union mason.
5 My uncle and youngest brother, IBEW members.

6 Here's what some of the movers and shakers are
7 saying in regards to AI. Elon Musk: AI and robots will
8 replace all job -- all jobs and working will be optional.
9 Dario Amodei, CEO of Anthropic: AI could displace half of
10 all entry level white collar workers in one to five years.
11 Bill Gates: Humans, quote, won't be needed for most things
12 including manufacturing, delivering or growing food.
13 Mustafa Suleyman, CEO of Microsoft AI: Most white collar
14 workers will be fully automated within 12 to 18 months.
15 Larry Ellison, sixth richest man in the world: There will
16 be an AI powered surveillance state where, quote, citizens
17 will be on their best behavior because we are constantly
18 regarding -- recording and reporting everything.

19 There needs to be regulations for these new
20 technologies. There needs to be a moratorium regarding data
21 centers. This STAMP project should be stopped. Data
22 centers should be beneficial to all Americans, including the
23 people of Genesee County and the Tonawanda Seneca Nation.
24 Elon Musk said: Mark my words. AI is far more dangerous
25 than nukes.

1 So why do we have no regulatory oversight? AI must
2 proceed without harm to our communities and our planet, and
3 not just be of benefit to a handful of billionaires like
4 Epstein associated Marc Rowan of Apollo Management -- Apollo
5 Global Management, the owner behind STREAM. Thank you.

6 **MR. MASSE:** On deck we'll have Liz Thompson.

7 **RALPH GARCIA:** Good evening, everyone. My name is
8 Ralph Garcia. I'm a business agent for the Laborers Local
9 435 out of Rochester. And I'm here today not as a
10 construction worker but as someone who believes in building
11 for the future, just not for ourselves but for our
12 generations as well.

13 I understand the concerns in this room. Change
14 always brings uncertainty. It can feel disruptive. It can
15 feel like something is being decided for you instead of with
16 you. And those concerns deserve to be heard. But I ask you
17 to look at what's being offered here. This project is more
18 than just steel, concrete, wires in the ground. It's
19 opportunity. For the trades, yes, but beyond that for this
20 entire community.

21 Construction projects like this bring real,
22 immediate economic impacts. Hundreds of workers in this
23 area means local gas stations see more customers, local
24 diners, grocery stores and small businesses see more
25 traffic. That's just not theory. That's reality. Working

1 people spend money where they work, and these aren't
2 temporary ripples. Data centers are long-term investments.
3 They generate ongoing tax revenue that support schools,
4 infrastructure, emergency services. Things communities rely
5 on.

6 But the most important impact isn't just economics,
7 it's personal. There are young people in this community
8 right now who don't know what path to take. They're adults
9 working jobs that don't give them a future. This project
10 opens that door. The trades offers careers, not just jobs.
11 Apprenticeships where you earn while you learn, no crushing
12 college debt, real skills, real pride, the chance to build
13 something in your own backyard and say I helped create that.
14 And if you already have experience, this is your chance to
15 step into something bigger that matters.

16 Now I want to open it now to something important,
17 especially to members of the neighboring community and the
18 community. Development should never come at the cost of
19 respect. Growth should not mean exclusion. If this project
20 moves forward, it must include open communication, fairness
21 and a seat at the table for everyone affected. Because the
22 strongest communities are the ones that don't avoid change,
23 they're the ones that shape it together.

24 We are at a crossroads. We can let fear of change
25 stop us or we can take control of it, guide it and make sure

1 it works for all of us. This project is a chance to invest
2 in people, in opportunity and the future of Oakfield not
3 just for today but for the next generation watching what we
4 choose to do right now. Thank you.

5 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** You didn't say where you
6 live.

7 **RALPH GARCIA:** I live in Greece, New York. But I
8 was born in the small town of Scottsville, New York. And I
9 watched the Wegmans leave, I watched the McDonald's leave
10 and many other chances.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Everybody, please, please. We just
12 want people to be respectful of the speakers. Everybody
13 will be given an opportunity to speak. Everybody has their
14 own -- just please. We want to continue to move forward,
15 please. And I think we just -- please, everybody just be
16 respectful. So we have Liz. On deck we'll have Dan
17 Frankowski.

18 **LIZ THOMPSON:** My name is Liz Thompson. I live in
19 the City of Batavia. I am reading a letter written by Aaron
20 DeRuyter, who is the president of the Seth Green Chapter of
21 Trout Unlimited. It was written on April 14th, 2026.

22 Dear members of the Genesee County Economic
23 Development Center, on behalf of the approximately 400
24 members of the Seth Green Chapter of Trout Unlimited in
25 Rochester, New York, I am writing to express our strong

1 opposition to the proposed data center project at the
2 Science and Technology Advanced Manufacturing Park in the
3 Town of Alabama. Trout Unlimited recognizes the rapid
4 siting and expansion of data centers pose growing risk to
5 cold water ecosystems. The build out and operation of these
6 facilities can strain fresh water resources, increase
7 thermal and hydrologic stress on rivers and aquifers, and
8 drive land conversion that fragments habitats and degrades
9 the health of our waterways. STAMP is not well suited for
10 an installation of this magnitude. Siting this 2.2 million
11 square foot mega data center there will cause serious
12 detrimental effects on the adjacent wetlands, the Oak
13 Orchard River watershed and ultimately Lake Ontario. These
14 waters support substantial populations of Rainbow and Brown
15 Trout, King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Bass and
16 many other freshwater species. Hundreds of our members have
17 fished this world class recourse for decades. This data
18 center also poses additional dangers to the fresh cold water
19 of the Oak via cooling water withdrawal, thermal disruption
20 due to high warm runoff from the extensive hard surfaces,
21 ground water contamination due to diesel fuel leaks,
22 contamination from inadvertent sanitary waste water
23 discharge, wetland and tributary disruption from building a
24 discharge pipeline through the Oak. Not to mention the
25 millions of gallons of water used daily by the utility

1 company to generate the 500 megawatts of electric necessary
2 to power the data center. Where will this water come from?
3 Where will it go? The more water used by industry equals
4 less water for fish. In closing, I can sum up our members'
5 collective feelings about this data center in five words:
6 It's a really bad idea.

7 **MR. MASSE:** On deck would be Kirk Scirto.

8 **DAN FRANKOWSKI:** Hello. I'm Dan Frankowski.
9 F-R-A-N-K-O-W-S-K-I. I'm a business representative from
10 Local 22 Plumbers & Steamfitters Union. While I respect the
11 opinions --

12 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Where do you live?

13 **DAN FRANKOWSKI:** I live in Buffalo. Sorry about
14 that. Geez. Rough crowd. While I respect the opinions and
15 reasoning behind the opposition of this project, I cannot
16 agree with it. As an organization, we stand behind the
17 project moving forward as it will create hundreds plus
18 construction jobs for multiple years to come for our members
19 alone, not to mention other construction trades as well.

20 Ancillary work that would come as a result of this
21 project, infrastructure or otherwise, would also continue to
22 create jobs for members who live right here in this
23 community. This plot of land has been set up for a project
24 such as this for almost 20 years we've been talking about
25 it. It has been sitting mostly idle for far too long. Let

1 the town utilize it for its intended purpose, to create tax
2 revenue and jobs. Thank you.

3 **MR. MASSE:** Nicola Bruno on deck, please.

4 **KIRK SCIRTO:** Hi. I'm Kirk Scirto. I'm from
5 Cambria, and I grew up visiting the wildlife refuge and
6 appreciating it. I currently live in Buffalo. I'm a family
7 physician and a public health specialist, and I deeply
8 oppose the financial incentives request for the would be
9 monster data center of STREAM U.S. Data Centers and Apollo
10 Global Management, and I call on GCEDC to reject their
11 financial application.

12 STREAM U.S. claims that their data center --
13 actually, Chris just mentioned it would be the sound of a
14 dishwasher, but that's highly misleading, because I can
15 sleep through a dishwasher. It's the low frequency sound
16 that nags at us and prevents us from sleeping. This is what
17 people tell us in the City of Tonawanda and virtually
18 everywhere that they built data centers. Folks feel
19 constantly annoyed. They can't concentrate at work and
20 school. They get frequent headaches, ringing in the ears,
21 and this goes on and on. It even raises blood pressure and
22 causes heart disease. And their diesel generators would
23 leave us with air pollution that causes respiratory disease
24 and global warming.

25 These massive data centers also strain the electric

1 grid and put our health at risk by causing blackouts. And
2 expanding AI would just take away our jobs left and right
3 even as data centers would increase our tax -- our
4 electricity rates. It's no surprise that American
5 communities are almost universally opposing data centers
6 like all of you.

7 It takes some nerve to suggest placing a data
8 center right at the edge of the Big Woods of the Tonawanda
9 Seneca Nation, threatening their forest, its wildlife and
10 their food security, drinking water and cultural practices.
11 And STAMP is on their traditional land, and they should be
12 determining what happens on it. (Inaudible) your voices are
13 being silenced. You all have the right to determine what
14 happens at STAMP. This is your community.

15 The GCEDC calls itself an economic development
16 center, but it is an invader and a parasite. An entity that
17 thrives on stealing things it needs from its host, which is
18 your community. GCEDC clearly aims to get rich at the
19 expense of the public health of you all. Its actions have
20 stripped it of legitimacy in claiming to act in the best
21 interest of Genesee County residents.

22 It's a selfish group of outsiders that would
23 take -- that would take whatever they could get away with
24 stealing from you. And STREAM U.S. is no different. It's a
25 group of outsiders. They don't care in the least about what

1 we want. It's a parasite that aims to even further expand
2 its wealth at your expense.

3 Make no mistake that these slimy entities are a
4 deep and direct threat to your public health, but your
5 community has rights, and you ultimately decide whether they
6 get away with this. You have the power. The power of GCEDC
7 and STREAM U.S. is an illusion, and the people always
8 ultimately hold the power. How did we abolish US state
9 sanctioned slavery in the US? How did workers get rights?
10 How did women get the right to vote? It was always through
11 people reclaiming the power and enacting their collective
12 will.

13 The GCEDC doesn't care about what we say tonight,
14 and they'll get their data center if we allow them to. But
15 I believe the real purpose of tonight's meeting is for us to
16 make it clear that we're bridging the divisions between us.
17 We've decided that this project won't happen. They won't
18 get away with this, and our collective efforts will make
19 sure of this. We can and will reclaim our community rights
20 to protect our public health and that of mother earth as
21 well.

22 **MR. MASSE:** And on deck we'll have Emily Toal.

23 **EMILY TOAL:** I don't want to speak.

24 **MR. MASSE:** Okay. Then on deck, Michael Pilato.

25 **MICHAEL PILATO:** I didn't want to speak.

1 **MR. MASSE:** Okay. Hang on. On deck, then, Kris
2 Lauridsen.

3 **NICOLA BRUNO:** Hello. My name is Nicola Bruno.
4 That's spelled B-R-U-N-O. And I live in East Irondequoit in
5 Monroe County, and I will be reading a letter by Susan
6 Hughes-Smith in the Monroe County Legislature Majority
7 Caucus. This is dated April 10th, 2026.

8 Dear honorable assembly members and senators, I
9 write today as a county legislator to express my strong
10 support for A10141/S9144 which imposes a moratorium on data
11 center permit insurance and relates to data center rate
12 impacts. These bills represent a thoughtful and necessary
13 pause at a time when the rapid expansion of data centers is
14 outpacing our ability to fully understand their long-term
15 consequences. As outlined in the legislation, project
16 growth in this sector could dramatically increase
17 electricity demands with the potential of exceeding that of
18 all households in New York State while also placing
19 significant strain on water resources, land uses and
20 existing infrastructure. This legislation does not halt
21 progress. It ensures growth is responsible, transparent and
22 aligns with the public interest. By requiring a Generic
23 Environmental Impact Statement and directing the Public
24 Service Commission to study rate impacts, the bill creates a
25 pathway for informed evidence based policy making. A

1 temporary moratorium is a prudent step that allows New York
2 to lead in both technological innovation and environmental
3 stewardship. It ensures future development does not come at
4 the expenses of affordability, sustainability or community
5 wellbeing. I urge you to support and advance this
6 legislation. Thank you for your time and your commitment to
7 protecting the people and resources of New York State.

8 And that's signed Susan Hughes-Smith as well as by
9 the other members of the Monroe County Majority Caucus.

10 Again, my name is Nicola Bruno. I'm a proud resident of
11 Monroe County, and I am vehemently opposed to the requested
12 financial incentives as an example of what Genesee County
13 could pass and wanted to read this into the public record.

14 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we'll have Garrich
15 Havens.

16 **KRIS LAURIDSEN:** Thank you for the opportunity to
17 speak. My name is Kris Lauridsen. I'll be reading a
18 testimony written by Kasia Tarczynska. I'll say that I'm a
19 resident of Monroe County. I'm a medical student.

20 This GCEDC claims that the proposed STREAM Data
21 Center at STAMP would be a great economic deal for Genesee
22 County. Critics cite negative environmental impacts on the
23 local environment, Tonawanda Seneca Nation and local
24 residents. What do the experts say? Good Jobs First is a
25 nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization devoted to

1 transparency and accountability in economic development
2 incentives that has studied data center subsidies since
3 2016. In their review of the STREAM financial incentives
4 request, senior research analyst Kasia Tarczynska, who is
5 the author of this testimony, wrote that the plan represents
6 a direct transfer of wealth from every resident of Genesee
7 County to Apollo Global Management, one of the world's
8 biggest private equity firms, and its billionaire owners and
9 shareholders. She continues, while GCEDC highlights that
10 PILOT payments may exceed property taxes, their statement
11 ignores the full subsidy package that totals 1.4 billion in
12 lost tax revenue even after the PILOT payments. The largest
13 subsidy in the sales tax exemption on buying is on buying
14 equipment. This tax break is 1.4 billion alone. Unlike the
15 property tax arrangement, there is no PILOT to offset this
16 tax break. The company is expected to pay only 270 million
17 in sales taxes over 30 years. Meaning, the sales tax
18 subsidy is five times more than what the company will pay.
19 On top of that, the package also includes 30 million in
20 mortgage tax breaks, again, with no offsets. This is tax
21 revenue that the company without the tax break would have
22 paid into local budgets to pay for public safety, public
23 health programs, education and other community needs across
24 the county. The project promises 125 permanent jobs. This
25 is 11.7 million in lost tax revenue per job. One of the

1 highest rates Good Jobs has ever seen. Tarczynska argues,
2 at this rate workers whose jobs aren't subsidized won't be
3 able to generate enough new tax revenue through payroll
4 taxes or other taxes to recover those millions of dollars
5 (inaudible) company for their jobs. Moreover, data centers
6 typically employ remote workers or those from temp agencies.
7 Even the construction workers may not be local in a
8 meaningful sense. GCEDC states that 60 percent of the
9 construction workforce based on current labor markets will
10 have come from -- will have to come from outside the
11 surrounding 14 county region. These outsiders are not
12 guaranteed to invest their earnings back into county's
13 economy. The GCEDC highlights the county's return on
14 investment after 30 years. Yes, the typical lifespan of
15 data centers is 20 to 30 years, but their economically
16 productive lifespan ends at 10 to 15 years. So will Genesee
17 County get any of the promised benefits? What will we
18 gamble our natural resources? The reason why people are
19 here, for unaccountable promises. Public funds, i.e.
20 taxpayer dollars, should not go to big tech, private equity
21 and multinationals. Thank you.

22 **MR. MASSE:** So Karen Miconi and then Michael Miconi
23 on deck.

24 **KAREN MICONI:** I guess I had questions. I guess I
25 don't want to speak either, because I have two full lists of

1 questions.

2 **MR. MASSE:** If you want, we can talk afterwards.

3 **KAREN MICONI:** I was misled. It was never stated
4 that --

5 **MR. MASSE:** You can submit your questions. You can
6 submit your questions and they'll get answered.

7 **KAREN MICONI:** No, no, no. I wanted to speak in
8 front of my neighbors.

9 **MR. MASSE:** You can ask your questions.

10 **KAREN MICONI:** Excuse me. I have multiple
11 sclerosis.

12 **MR. MASSE:** Do you want me to move the microphone?

13 **KAREN MICONI:** No, no. Oh, no. I'll stand. I'm
14 still very well with it. My name is Karen Miconi. I live
15 in Elba, New York. I am surrounded by solar panels, those
16 of which I have found out most recently were constructed to
17 support the data center. The power that is generated from
18 these solar panels runs all the way to Niagara Falls. I was
19 told by Matt Landers, the Genesee County Manager, that you
20 would be getting the electricity from Niagara Falls,
21 correct? It's the same line as the solar panels. I'd like
22 to know when -- when the 500 megawatts of power was promised
23 to the STREAM Data Center project. What date? What year?

24 **MR. WALTERS:** Just keep reading your questions.

25 **KAREN MICONI:** Okay. Also, the CO2 emissions, I

1 want to know about those. I want to know who did the
2 environmental impact study. Who was it? Was it you, the
3 GCEDC? You're not qualified. Why wasn't it the DEC? Why
4 wasn't it the DEC?

5 These buildings, they're 850 foot long times three.
6 You stated that they will only use 20,000 gallons of water a
7 day. Is that per building or in total? Also, the sewer
8 system. You said they would generate 3,700 gallons of raw
9 sewage a day from people using toilets times three
10 buildings. I don't think so. I don't think so. It's a
11 lot.

12 I think you need to promise that this data center
13 will not ever expand, that you will not ever drill wells
14 into our aquifers to take water that you might be short on
15 being that you were promised 200,000 gallons. And by who
16 you were promised the 200,000 gallons of water, might I ask?
17 You say you're only going to use 20,000 gallons. Is that
18 per building or in total? I think it's an under
19 exaggeration. I believe you'll use way more than that.

20 The Fortune 50 company, Project Double Reed, who
21 are they? They're investing 19.46 billion dollars into this
22 project. For what? What are their incentives? It's a
23 total disruption of mother nature. It's a total disruption
24 of our nesting eagles in the Iroquois, our federally
25 protected wetlands, our federally protected trout streams.

1 It's going to deplete our aquifers. It's going to pollute
2 the wells on the reservation. These people don't have
3 municipal water. These people run off wells.

4 Okay. I know you don't care. I know it's all
5 about the money. It's all about the billion -- 1.46 billion
6 dollars that was thrown at you by two men from Texas. Which
7 I might add, Texas is in an water emergency because of data
8 centers right now. So now you're coming here. So now -- so
9 now they're coming here, right, and they're going to deplete
10 our water supply, which we need to survive on earth.

11 Our water supply, which we need for our animals,
12 for our humans and for our wetlands, for our wildlife. I
13 know. This is going to cause a hot spot. What about that?
14 What about the generators, the electricity that it's going
15 to, you know, use?

16 **MR. MASSE:** Again, all your questions will be in
17 the record.

18 **KAREN MICONI:** I want transparency.

19 **MR. MASSE:** And all the questions will be answered.
20 We'll load them up on the website. Once we get through the
21 public comment period, we'll review them. Generally -- and
22 I'll just speak now while we're in this process. What will
23 happen is we will categorize the questions and comments
24 we've received by topic, we will list those topics and then
25 we will provide the responses to the categories of the

1 questions that we've received. All of that will be uploaded
2 on the website once we get through the process. And again,
3 the public comment period closes end of day tomorrow. We'll
4 start compiling. We've been compiling them now and
5 categorizing them. All those responses will be listed on
6 our website by category, by question.

7 **KAREN MICONI:** Including the 200,000 gallons of
8 water that was promised?

9 **MR. MASSE:** Any question --

10 **KAREN MICONI:** And who did that?

11 **MR. MASSE:** Any question that you ask will be in
12 the record and will be responded to when we do that.

13 **KAREN MICONI:** And the sewer systems in Oakfield.

14 **MR. MASSE:** Yep. So all of that --

15 **KAREN MICONI:** Where is all of that discharge
16 going?

17 **MR. MASSE:** All of that will be answered if you've
18 asked a question into the system.

19 **MR. WALTERS:** And if you do have other questions,
20 you can still submit by the end of the day.

21 **KAREN MICONI:** Well, I've been sidelined before.
22 I've even been blocked by Mr. Masse on Instagram.

23 **MR. MASSE:** So Larry Pedraza. Larry Pedraza. I
24 don't see Larry. Jane Crandal. Mike Taseuski. Good?
25 Okay. Terry Abrams. And then on deck would be Liz Tinelli.

1 **TERRY ABRAMS:** (Speaking Native American.)

2 Greetings. I'm thankful you're all well. My name is Terry
3 Abrams. The Bear Clan is my clan, and I live on the
4 Tonawanda Seneca Nation territory. In fact, I literally
5 live around the corner from the STAMP project, just down the
6 road on Judge Road, just past Crosby Road right across the
7 border. I am here to say that I am opposed to this. I am
8 opposed to the building of the data center and putting it in
9 our area.

10 And I understand -- you know, you say -- I heard
11 repeatedly you say that there was a lot of misinformation,
12 and I think that is true, but that misinformation is coming
13 from your side, not from us. The incentives that you
14 offered them, 1.4 billion dollars in incentives, I don't see
15 how any PILOT payment, any -- anything else, any job
16 creation, any gifts that are given to the school district,
17 to the community can possibly measure up to that -- to that
18 incentive. I just don't think it can happen.

19 And you can say, well, once the PILOT projects end
20 then they will continue, then they'll pay more taxes. But
21 we all know what really happens, is that once those tax
22 incentives ends, these companies will uproot and move away
23 and find some other community that they suckered into
24 providing them incentives.

25 But the true cost is not the balance sheet. And I

1 know this is what your focus is. I know that this is all
2 that you really care about, is the dollars and cents. But
3 the true cost -- the true cost are the social costs, the
4 environmental costs, the spiritual costs. And those cannot
5 be measured. Those do not fit neatly on an Excel
6 spreadsheet. And those are the costs that we are going to
7 pay. So again, I repeat, I am opposed to this. And that is
8 all I have to say. Thank you.

9 **MR. MASSE:** On deck we have Sandy Chenelly. No.
10 Michelle Geiger. No. Barbara Price.

11 **LIZ TINELLI:** Okay. Good afternoon. My name is
12 Dr. Liz Tinelli, a Rochester neighbor. I'm submitting these
13 comments in my personal capacity as researcher and not on
14 behalf of any institution.

15 I learned about STREAM's AI data center on Monday.
16 I learned about STREAM's AI data center on Monday. Had I
17 known, I would have been at the table sooner. There has
18 been a lot to review in just a few days. I've reviewed
19 STREAM's technical submissions, researched environmental
20 law, learned about all of you and your mission to provide a
21 high quality life for your residents and their families.
22 But when reading the 200 page transcript from March 19th,
23 one thing is obvious, the residents of this county, the
24 people referenced in that very mission statement are
25 overwhelmingly against this project.

1 I read in the Batavian -- great outlet by the
2 way -- that Town Supervisor Rob Crossen said this decision
3 cannot be made by opinion alone, but must be based in the
4 facts. So let's look at those facts.

5 Fact, there are multiple inconsistencies in the
6 applicant's summary. The number of generators vary between
7 six and 12, chillers between 180 and 198 depending on which
8 exhibit you read. But I'm sure precision isn't important
9 when you're seeking 1.4 billion in public subsidies.

10 Fact, New York State DEC identified 20 significant
11 deficiencies in the storm water plans. Fact, the acoustic
12 technical summary only includes A-weighted decibels and
13 excludes C-weighted decibels. The report itself omits this
14 might not give a valid measure.

15 Fact, the environmental review being relied on to
16 approve this project was conducted in 2012 for a
17 manufacturing park, not a hyper scale data center. New
18 York's Climate Leadership and Communication Protection Act
19 requires state agencies to protect disadvantaged communities
20 from disproportionate environmental burdens. This Board is
21 bound by that law.

22 Fact, the property tax PILOT means lost revenue for
23 the school district twice, actually, because having a noise,
24 air, land and water pollution center here makes you look
25 rich, so New York will reduce your district aid. Fact,

1 STREAM is promising six billion in investment, 30
2 operational years and 122 jobs, but the record contains no
3 enforceable mechanism that would require STREAM or Apollo to
4 fulfill these promises. Promises to me feel like opinions,
5 but I'll check with Supervisor Crossen on that one.

6 I understand that the district has been rezoned for
7 industrial and technological development. But why this
8 development? Why development that comes at such a high cost
9 with no guaranteed return, no enforceable commitments and no
10 honest accounting of what is actually going to cost this
11 community. Just some promises. My opinion, you can do
12 better.

13 **MR. MASSE:** On deck we'll have Neal Keating.

14 **BARBARA PRICE:** My name is Reverend Barbara Price,
15 P-R-I-C-E, and I'm an Episcopal priest who lives in the GLOW
16 region on a farm outside of Warsaw. And I also oversee the
17 Genesee Regional Initiative, which consists of five
18 congregations in the GLOW region, two of which are located
19 in Genesee County.

20 We stand together in solidarity against the
21 proposed data center at the STAMP site. And here are some
22 of our reasons, just a few. Number one, the economics don't
23 make sense. For example, dividing the requesting tax
24 incentives by the supposed number of jobs to be created
25 equals a cost to New York State taxpayers of about 11

1 million dollars per job. This would be ridiculous enough if
2 it weren't also for the fact that all around the country,
3 data centers that start out with 100 or so employees have as
4 their goal a shrinking workforce. The trajectory long-term
5 is for most of these facilities to operate with a skeleton
6 crew. They are, after all, all about automation.

7 Number two, wherever data centers are built,
8 electric rates do go up. STREAM may claim that it will
9 build its own power source, but the local utilities will
10 still need to build up the infrastructure. And you're
11 looking at a roomful of people who will bear that cost over
12 a long period of time. Because once rates go up, we all
13 know they never come back down again.

14 Number three, big tech is using the bait and switch
15 technique. Land is purchased for one reported purpose, and
16 the next thing anyone knows there's a proposal on the table
17 for a monster data center. In just one example, a farmer
18 sold land for a golf course, but when the dust settled, the
19 development proposed was for a data center. It's sneaky,
20 and it's being done all over the United States. We are but
21 one of many examples.

22 Number four, getting back to jobs. Goldman Sachs,
23 not exactly a left wing liberal organization, has recently
24 published a study last month that shows that AI could
25 displace up to 11 million people. Six to seven percent of

1 the workforce in the very near future, and some of this is
2 happening already with numbers already in the thousands.

3 The STREAM monster data center has the potential to
4 destroy our regional ecosystem, which cannot be repaired.
5 Noise pollution alone could do that to say nothing of our
6 water supply. I expect others will speak to that. On April
7 11th, NBC News published an article with this headline:
8 Reigning in data centers sparks rare bipartisanship in state
9 houses. According to this report, this year alone, quote,
10 state lawmakers across the country have proposed more than
11 300 bills designed to tackle the emerging challenges
12 presented by data centers.

13 We are asking those of you with authority and
14 decision making power to take a timeout for a full and
15 comprehensive, unbiased study and review, including a very
16 careful look at what has happened in other states. Such a
17 review should not be made on the company dollar of the
18 outfit making the proposal and only at their (inaudible).

19 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Lauren Goulet.

20 **NEAL KEATING:** My name is Neal Keating,
21 K-E-A-T-I-N-G, and I live in Brockport. I'm an anthropology
22 professor. I'd like to invite all of you, especially
23 members of GCEDC, to join me in acknowledging that the land
24 that we are on right now is unseated indigenous territory.
25 I'd like to also remind the members of the GCEDC Board that

1 you have an obligation under International Human Rights Law
2 to obtain the free, prior and informed consent of any
3 indigenous peoples that your development projects are going
4 to be impacting. That has not happened. You're in
5 violation.

6 I would like to now read into the record a
7 statement from the Orleans County Department of Tourism, Ron
8 Bierstine and Dawn Borchert, who have given their consent to
9 me sharing this with you.

10 The Oak Orchard River and the receiving waters of
11 Lake Ontario are a world class year round fishing
12 destination. According to a 2017 New York State Department
13 of Environmental Conservation study, the total annual
14 economic impact from visitors coming to fish in Orleans
15 County waters was nearly 28 million dollars. Applying the
16 standard inflationary rate, that value would be near 34
17 million in 2024.

18 The tributary waters of Oak Orchard River are one
19 of the major use tributaries in Lake Ontario that have
20 prolific trout and salmon migration supported by substantial
21 stakeholders stocking efforts and some natural reproduction.
22 The downstream waters of Lake Ontario at Point Breeze, New
23 York are enjoyed by thousands of recreational boaters and
24 trolling anglers alike.

25 The good health and nonimpacted clean water of the

1 Oak Orchard River is vitally important to the sport fishery
2 and boating interests, which support the tourism economy for
3 Orleans County. Concerns for any STAMP site's sanitary or
4 processed waste water discharge into Oak Orchard River at
5 any location includes increased volumes that could impact
6 existing run of the river flows. Most especially the New
7 York Canal Port and New York Power Authority reimagine the
8 canals fall fishing program. And degradation of water
9 quality from sanitary effluent or harmful chemical processed
10 waste water constituents.

11 With unknown future and ever changing STAMP site
12 tenants to include the proposed hyper scale STREAM U.S.
13 Data Center, it is nearly impossible to quantify what could
14 be the makeup of the STAMP site waste water effluent going
15 forward. Discharge into a high gradient section of Oak
16 Orchard River downstream of swamp and refuge water at
17 Shelby, New York via a forced main moving STAMP waste waters
18 across county line was and is and remains an ill advised
19 option, especially considering the crossing of the Oak
20 Orchard River twice before the eventual Shelby discharge
21 point.

22 And discharge into low gradient upstream headwaters
23 of Oak Orchard River river upstream of swamp and refuge
24 waters at Oakfield, New York via a different force main or
25 by tanker truck transport for STAMP waste water is no better

1 an option and cannot be supported. The responsible siting
2 and development of the STAMP site and future tenant build
3 out should include reasonable water intake and use with the
4 treatment and discharge of waste water done on site or
5 within originating county boundaries, not to include the Oak
6 Orchard River. I stand in opposition to the financial
7 incentive packages.

8 **MR. MASSE:** Frankie Bruno.

9 **LAUREN GOULET:** Hi. My name is Lauren Goulet. I'm
10 a Monroe County resident, and I'm honored to be speaking a
11 statement by Angela Carlson, a resident of Batavia, parent
12 and teacher at Oakfield-Alabama School District.

13 I oppose the requested financial investments for
14 STAMP and the data center. The most concerning thing about
15 STREAM's latest proposal, it isn't just the staggering price
16 tag, it's how selectively that information is being
17 presented to the public. According to Applied Economics
18 Clinic, while the company highlights projected benefits like
19 job creations and PILOT payments to local governments, its
20 own cost benefit analysis fails to include the projects
21 largest expenses.

22 For instance, they never include billions in
23 construction, land and equipment costs. And even within
24 those limited analyses, the numbers are inconsistent and
25 shifting. Across three reports, estimated costs nearly

1 tripled while projects benefits rose and fell with the most
2 recent analysis showing a decline. At the same time,
3 certain categories like sales tax review suddenly increased
4 by hundreds of millions of dollars without clear
5 explanation. The result is a moving target. Benefits to
6 cost ratios that have dropped from seven to one to five to
7 one to just three to one. This is all based on incomplete
8 accounting.

9 The consequence? The public is being asked to
10 evaluate whether this project is worth it without being
11 shown the full picture. Adding to the concern, STREAM has
12 promised a separate economic impact study, but has yet to
13 release it, even to stakeholders like the allies of
14 Tonawanda Seneca Nation.

15 And perhaps the most troubling question for our
16 community isn't about billion dollar projections. It's
17 about what this deal means for your children. STREAM has
18 promoted its promise of seven million dollars in annual
19 PILOT and host payments to Genesee County, the Town of
20 Alabama and the Oakfield-Alabama School District totalling
21 roughly 284 million dollars over 30 years. On paper, that
22 sounds like meaningful support for local schools, but these
23 payments are not true property taxes. They are negotiated
24 subsidies or substitutes that often fall short and lock
25 districts into limited fixed revenue for decades.

1 More importantly, they are dwarfed by the tax
2 breaks the company is requesting. STREAM is seeking more
3 than 1.4 billion dollars in sales tax exemptions along with
4 an additional 31 million dollar mortgage tax abatement.
5 Subsidies that are roughly 25 times greater than the
6 payments being framed as community investments. This money
7 could otherwise support class rooms, reduce tax burdens on
8 families and strengthen the long-term stability of our
9 schools. Instead, we are being asked to accept a deal where
10 the largest benefits flow outward while local districts are
11 left with a fraction in return.

12 Taken together, these issues point to something
13 even more concerning than any single number. A lack of
14 transparency at the very moment when our community is being
15 asked to make a generational decision. STREAM has not
16 provided the supporting data needed to justify key claims,
17 including thousands of promised jobs. Its projections have
18 shifted dramatically from one report to the next without
19 explanation, even introducing entirely new categories of
20 benefits worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

21 Independent research from organizations like the US
22 Chamber of Commerce Technology Engagement Center and the
23 Brookings Institution suggest that job estimates may be
24 significantly overstated. At the same time, the company's
25 analyses continue to exclude major costs ranging from

1 construction and infrastructure to rising utility bills,
2 pollution and impacts on tourism and quality of life.

3 This is not just a matter of accounting. It's a
4 matter of trust. Families, taxpayers and the Tonawanda
5 Seneca Nation deserve clear, complete and honest information
6 before being asked to accept a project of this scale.
7 Without it, the question is no longer whether this is a
8 project as a good deal but whether the public is being the
9 given the information it needs to decide it all.

10 And I'll leave you with for parents, educators and
11 taxpayers, the question becomes deeply personal. Are we
12 building a stronger future for our children or quietly
13 trading it away?

14 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Arden Ireland.

15 **FRANKIE BRUNO:** Hi. My name is Frankie Bruno. I
16 am a resident of Monroe County, and I oppose the incentives
17 being offered to the data center. But I'm here to read on
18 behalf of Green Orleans, a small grassroots organization
19 committed to the preservation of our environment and to the
20 contents of environmental and social justice, based in the
21 Village of Albion in Orleans County.

22 Much has been said and written about the economic
23 issues that bear on the proposed data center, but there are
24 huge social and environmental risks at stake. None of those
25 risks will fall on STREAM itself. The profits will flow

1 elsewhere, but the risks stay here. The Big Woods of the
2 Tonawanda Seneca Nations and the surrounding areas will get
3 the unceasing noise, the heat, the diesel exhaust and the
4 ground water pollution from any spills of diesel or cooling
5 fluid. It is unethical to subject the Nation and its local
6 neighbors to such risks. The data center buildings
7 themselves will lay very near the boarder of the TSN. Huge
8 hot, noisy reminders to the Native Americans that after 250
9 years the insults to their lands and their lives continue.
10 The reservation, the protective wildlife areas will also be
11 subject to pollution risk, the magnitudes of which are very
12 difficult to quantify, but they are not zero. Our culture
13 tends to channel us towards a narrow view of economic cost
14 benefit analysis, but the value of everything in our world
15 cannot and should not be reduced to dollars and cents. Are
16 the financial offering the GCEDC is considering worth the
17 sight, sounds and peace that rural residents enjoy? Future
18 generations are likely to look back at the data center as a
19 poster child for social and environmental injustice. If we
20 the people of Western New York don't stand up and stop this
21 project, our children and grandchildren will look back and
22 ask why? Why didn't we stand up for the environment? Why
23 didn't we stand up for justice? Why was money the only
24 thing that mattered? Other communities around the nation
25 successfully stopped data centers. Why didn't we?

1 Don't let this happen. Stop the data center
2 project. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

3 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Aaron Gies.

4 **ARDEN IRELAND:** My name is Arden Ireland. I'm a
5 student in Erie County. I study geography and environmental
6 science and indigenous studies. Today, I stand with the
7 Tonawanda Seneca Sovereign Nation. I'm reading a statement
8 that was first published as an op-ed in the Batavian from
9 Christina Mortellaro Frank. She's unable to be here today
10 and asked that I read this.

11 Some Genesee County legislators view Apollo Global
12 Management, the private equity firm that owns and is
13 financing the proposed STREAM U.S. Data Center project at
14 STAMP, as just a bank. This view is shortsighted when
15 private equity has caused so much American economic
16 suffering. Private equity is responsible for the bankruptcy
17 of local businesses like Joann Fabrics. According to the
18 nonprofit Private Equity Stakeholders Project, PESP, in 2025
19 private equity was involved with 54 percent of corporate
20 bankruptcies in the US, liable for one billion or greater,
21 44 percent of the largest health care bankruptcies, 60
22 percent of the largest manufacturing bankruptcies. Why is
23 private equity unstable? In order to maximize shareholder
24 profits, private equity focuses on short-term value
25 extraction of their assets, their cost cutting measures,

1 like layoffs or restructuring, rather than long-term
2 stability. Their focus is immediate financial gains, and
3 they often use a strategy called leveraged buyouts. When a
4 private equity firm finances its opposition instead of using
5 their own capital or taking on the debt, they use debt
6 secured by the company. As a result, PESP reported that
7 private equity backed companies defaulted at twice the rate
8 of non-private equity backed companies. For example, with
9 Joann's, during the pandemic their record profits
10 skyrocketed them to a Fortune 1000 company status, but a
11 private equity firm acquired them for 1.6 billion. That
12 sale became Joann's debt and led to their bankruptcy. Some
13 of Apollo's history with bankruptcy. They acquired Phoenix
14 -- they acquired a steel mill service in 2017. Filed for
15 bankruptcy five years later. Acquired Career Builder,
16 founded in '95, in 2017. Filed for bankruptcy in 2025.
17 Apollo has cut labor across hospital systems that they own.
18 Now their hospitals are ranked some of the worst in their
19 respective states. Apollo is also not great for workers.
20 According to PESP, Apollo had a lower number of unionized
21 workers in its portfolio companies workforce and a high
22 number of unfair labor practice violations it settled. We
23 already know that 60 percent of the construction jobs
24 brought by STREAM Data Center will not be local and they'll
25 be temporary. And the 40 percent that are local are coming

1 from 14 counties. Boards are voting on proposals, promises,
2 not legally binding contracts in terms of union labor nor
3 guaranteed local labor for the 125 permanent jobs. Most
4 data centers use remote workers or temporary workers.
5 There's much uncertainty in an unstable industry. Nearly
6 half of the planned 2026 data centers have already been
7 cancelled or put on pause.

8 I oppose this project. Thank you.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we have Caitlin
10 Crowell.

11 **AARON GIES:** Hello. Thank you for the opportunity
12 to speak. My name is Dr. Aaron Gies. I live in Olean in
13 Cattaraugus County, and I teach theology there. And I am a
14 democratic candidate for congress in New York's 23rd
15 District.

16 I drove up from Olean today to express my
17 opposition to this project, and the reason is simple. When
18 I talk to people on the campaign trail, they tell me their
19 concerns about their costs in four areas. The cost of gas,
20 the cost of health care, the cost of their utilities and the
21 cost of their housing.

22 This data center would drive up the cost of
23 utilities for the whole region while most of the benefits
24 would flow out of the region. People that I talk to,
25 Western New Yorkers have seen their utility bills,

1 especially their electricity bills, triple in the last year.
2 They should not be asked to pay more while the citizens of
3 Genesee County, right here, shoulder the burden of higher
4 property taxes and stretched school budgets for a benefit of
5 125 low level jobs.

6 I call upon the GCEDC to reverse its support for
7 this project and focus their important efforts on other
8 projects that serve the common good. This one does not.
9 Thank you.

10 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Jared Strohl.

11 **CAITLIN CROWELL:** Hi. My name is Caitlin Crowell.
12 C-R-O-W-E-L-L. I'm from the Partnership for the Public
13 Good, which is in Buffalo, New York. We're a community
14 think tank and policy advocacy organization.

15 And first I want to really acknowledge how
16 committed and brave all of the speakers are who are here and
17 who were here at the last hearing. It's hard and it's
18 scary, and I really thank everybody for coming.

19 One of the main users of data center capacity world
20 wide is Facebook. You may recall that Facebook's founding
21 motto was move fast and break things. As what he meant by
22 that, the internet company's head explained, unless you are
23 breaking stuff, you are not moving fast enough. That might
24 be an exciting and dynamic way to run a company, but it's
25 lousy advice for running neighborhood or a community or a

1 town.

2 So what exactly are these companies breaking?
3 Their promises, for one. Our cultural heritage. Our local
4 and state economies. Our energy supplies. Our clean water
5 supplies, and even the land that we live on. And
6 astonishingly, they don't just want our permission to take
7 and break our stuff, they want us to pay them to do so.

8 Right now, one of them, STREAM, is looking for an
9 incentive package to encourage them to build their data
10 center here. The Genesee County Economic Development Center
11 is prepared to offer this project an enormous amount, about
12 one and a half billion dollars, without any guarantee that
13 jobs will go to local people, without any likelihood of
14 creating a strong secondary job market and without any
15 commitment to our residents or our community.

16 This is a transfer of money from regular taxpayers,
17 all of us, to wealthy developers and corporations. For
18 sure, our region needs investment and jobs, but that is not
19 what we are going to get from STREAM. Data centers do not
20 produce anywhere near the numbers of jobs that we need.
21 Something that this project own findings show. It is not
22 the responsibility of our local municipality to enrich
23 enormous tech industries at the expense of our own people.

24 The explosive growth of data centers is something
25 that our policies are unequipped to deal with, locally or

1 even federally, where last month we saw a bill introduced
2 that would stop all data center construction until we can,
3 quote, safeguard the public. That we are allowing and
4 encouraging development against which we need safeguards
5 should give us pause.

6 In terms of taxation structure, environmental
7 protection and economic planning, our region is not prepared
8 to deal wisely with these proposed behemoths. It certainly
9 does not help when the companies are singularly unwilling to
10 be transparent. That is why we are seeing communities
11 across the country and around the world rise up to protest
12 this misuse of our public goods and money. PPG exhorts this
13 body not to give away the public money and public control to
14 unaccountable and dangerous developments.

15 Every year, Western New York loses tens of millions
16 of dollars in tax revenue because of IDA incentives just
17 like this. And giving money and breaks to private
18 industries means that the rest of us have had to make up the
19 slack. When companies do not pay their fair share of taxes,
20 our schools and neighbors suffer. And when we support big
21 out-of-state businesses, small local companies go under.

22 So PPG encourages you to say no to this incentive,
23 to say no to this STREAM development. Thank you.

24 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck is Skyler
25 Carpenter.

1 **JARED STROHL:** Hi. My name is Jared, and I'm here
2 in opposition to this data center. I do want to first say
3 something. There's been issue of jobs that came up from
4 some people who are for the data center. I just want to
5 say, I do think that is a very important issue, especially
6 in rural areas in Western New York. But I think the
7 important question is at what cost? This is one of the
8 worst locations that could have possibly been thought of to
9 put this data center.

10 I live in this area. I'm in Niagara County
11 right -- right next to Lake Ontario. And I live here
12 because I think this is -- if not the, definitely one of the
13 greatest ecological areas on earth. We should never, ever
14 harm our greatest resource. And our environmental resources
15 in this region are by far, not even close, our greatest
16 resource.

17 And in my final statement I just want to say, can
18 we find -- after hundreds of years, respect the sovereignty
19 of our Haudenosaunee brothers and sisters. When they show
20 up like this to warn us that building this data center is a
21 big mistake, can we trust their thousands of years of wisdom
22 and lived experience in this region? Thank you.

23 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck is Kel Mullaney.

24 **SKYLER CARPENTER:** Hi. My name is Skyler
25 Carpenter. I'm here in opposition of the proposed STAMP

1 project. And I have a request from the people that are in
2 support of these data centers, and that is when your
3 grandchildren are asking you what happened to the world
4 around them, do not shy away from from what you did today,
5 from what you decided to do today. And tell them, so that
6 hopefully together we can do better.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, David Beatty.

8 **KEL MULLANEY:** My name is Kel Mullaney. I work in
9 Batavia. I live in Rochester. I am deeply concerned about
10 the pattern of destruction that our English heritage has
11 brought around the world ever since we allowed our homelands
12 to be over extracted and for (inaudible) to pull our
13 homeland out from under us. The pattern needs to end with
14 us, and I believe that we have the opportunity to have the
15 bravery and the humility to face ourselves.

16 So I'll be reading a comment on behalf of Dr.
17 Catherine Landis, who works at SUNY ESF, commenting for
18 herself and not her institution.

19 I am an ecologist at SUNY College for Environmental
20 Science and Forestry, and a lifelong resident of upstate New
21 York. I strongly oppose the financial incentives request
22 submitted by STREAM U.S. Data Centers. I demand that the
23 GCEDC follow all of DEC recommendations, and I call on the
24 GCEDC to reject the incentives application from STREAM U.S.
25 Data Centers. (Inaudible) taxpayer money to facilitate the

1 war on nature and some of the best habitat of the state
2 would be a travesty. Here is context. Native plant and
3 animal populations are hemorrhaging from landscapes all over
4 the globe. Since 1970, the worlds animal populations have
5 crashed by an average of 60 percent with major losses in
6 reptiles and amphibians. Birds have declined by 30 percent.
7 Loss of 3 billion birds in North America alone. And bats.
8 53 percent of bat species in North America currently are
9 near extinction. Every space counts to reverse this trend,
10 especially the large, continuous natural habitat found at
11 STAMP. Industrial development here is egregiously miscited.
12 STAMP belongs to a 20,000 acre complex that includes federal
13 and state protected areas along with the territory of the
14 Tonawanda Seneca Nation. One of the few remaining habitats
15 of its kind in the entire region. Rare plants documented
16 near the site include the Michigan willy, endangered by New
17 York State; heart-leaved plantain, threatened; shellbark
18 hickory, threatened. We would lose these plants to
19 development as habitats are urbanized and homogenized, taken
20 over by aggressive weeds. Further, over 140 bird species
21 have been documented as using the site based on Cornell
22 University data, including the Short-Eared Owl, Northern
23 Harrier, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Cerulean Warbler, Horned Lark,
24 Eastern Meadowlark, American Kestrel, Grasshopper Sparrow,
25 and more. Based on breeding from Atlantis Data, several

1 species nest in this area, including Horned Lark, Baltimore
2 Oriole and Northern Harrier and Bobolink. This is a
3 critical stop over habitat for long distance migrants such
4 as the American Global Plover. For reptiles and amphibians,
5 the area is known to support Wood Frog, Blue-Spotted
6 Salamander -- species of greatest conservation need per New
7 York State -- and Spring Peeper. Red-backed Salamander,
8 American Toad, Leopard Frog, Green Frog and Bull Frog also
9 occur in the area. This may be summer homes for locally
10 rare turtle species such as the Spotted Turtle -- species of
11 greatest conservation need in New York State -- and
12 Blanding's Turtle, threatened in New York State. For all
13 the various species I've list, the major threat is habitat
14 loss. Their loss is on your hands. There's outright
15 habitat destruction, fragmentation, water pollution, light
16 and noise pollution due to the power and structure. To
17 protect our plant and animal relatives you must conduct a
18 supplemental Environmental Impact Statement focused on the
19 data center at STAMP, conduct a supplemental EIS for the
20 entire STAMP site as well as other changes to take into
21 account new laws and regulations, including the plans for
22 the site since 2012. Such stuff can help prevent the
23 unthinkable bludgeoning of the landscape and all the
24 creatures in it.

25 **MR. MASSE:** On deck would be Gabrielle Kennelly.

1 **DAVID BEATTY:** Okay. Are we ready? This is kind
2 of scary. So there's a big question that can't be answered
3 due to an NDA, as I understand it. And that question is,
4 who's the tenant or tenants? Who will be processing data
5 and for what purpose? So I aim to try to answer that
6 question, at least partially.

7 So what do data centers do? In a 500 megawatt
8 facility, like the proposed STREAM Data Center, effectively
9 is a hyper scale AI campus. Typical usage would likely
10 breakdown as follows. 80 to 90 percent is going to be
11 commercial uses, your famous chatbot like ChatGPT,
12 Enterprise AI, legal, scientific, financial and cloud
13 computing services. 5 to 15 percent of usage goes to
14 training large AI models, similar to companies like
15 Anthropic, Palantir and others. And one to five percent is
16 used toward government and military workloads.

17 So note, Palantir and Anthropic, these companies
18 are actively pursuing partnerships tied to the military. So
19 where does the military piece show up? So there's a little
20 piece there, one to five percent usage by the military. So
21 where does the military piece show up? There's not a giant
22 military data sign on the building. Instead it appears in a
23 more subtle way. There's two things to approach here.
24 Cloud service pipelines to companies like Amazon and
25 Microsoft who can sell secured cloud computing services to

1 the US Department of Defense. That means a portion of the
2 compute capacity from a site like STAMP at STAMP streaming
3 data could indirectly support military operations.

4 Two, multitenant AI campuses at the same facility
5 can host multiple types of workloads at once. Commercial AI
6 training clusters, cloud based infrastructure segmented to
7 secure environments from government. So this kind of gives
8 us a little picture of sort of the types of usage of the
9 data center.

10 So STAMP and similar New York developments are
11 infrastructure footholds for the new AI era, and we're
12 foreshadowing a long-term lock in to hyperscale AI buildouts
13 for future uses. So we're looking at additional data
14 centers here, no doubt, to get above -- certainly above one
15 gigawatt.

16 So data centers primarily support commercial AI
17 demand, but they inherently enable the dual use of military
18 capabilities. And that's the key point, that perhaps the
19 answer to our question. These sites are explicitly -- not
20 explicitly military projects, but they form part of the same
21 fiscal backbone that military AI systems rely on.

22 We can conclude that STREAM Data Center could
23 indirectly be enabling the highest military AI applications,
24 even -- even if they only consume a small percentage of
25 total power. Lest we forget military applications include

1 intelligence systems and weapons that are used to kill more
2 people more efficiently in foreign wars like Gaza when this
3 software has been tested. And they're also broadening
4 surveillance capabilities.

5 So these are all hypothetical concerns. Their
6 stated goal is investment. I believe these goals are
7 unethical and immoral, so I don't think this is a project
8 that we want in this town.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Rosey Faith on deck.

10 **GABRIELLE KENNELLY:** Hello. My name is Gabrielle
11 Kennelly, and I'm from Buffalo, New York. I first learned
12 about STAMP as an environmental science student at UB, and I
13 conducted research at the site in fall 2024 and continued
14 that work this past summer.

15 Today, I stand with the sovereign Tonawanda Seneca
16 Nation. I've watched firsthand and documented how much
17 wildlife depends on this area. Migratory birds use this
18 land as a rest stop. I've seen offspring nesting there.
19 Fox, Bald Eagles and Snapping Turtles living directly on
20 STAMP. These aren't occasional visitors. This is their
21 habitat.

22 Over time, I've watched the site change. Grassland
23 and trees turned into dust and debris. Where there was once
24 fallen fruit, litter had been scattered. Beer cans,
25 cigarette buds and construction waste. It was difficult to

1 watch the shift happen so quickly, but it's not too late to
2 stop it. From my experience, development like this doesn't
3 just remove habitat, it fragments it. Even the land that
4 remains the buffer space will be broken apart, making it
5 harder for wildlife to survive and navigate.

6 I've studied how noise pollution here impacts bird
7 communities and found a significant negative correlation
8 between noise and bird diversity. Other studies show that
9 even moderate noise increases reduces habitat use, diversity
10 and survival of animals. With a project of this scale,
11 long-term operational noise will likely reduce the viability
12 of the area for many species, including the buffer area.

13 The seventh generation principle teaches that the
14 decisions we make today should support a sustainable world
15 for those who come after us. You mentioned the importance
16 of your kids and the community's future. In Buffalo, we are
17 still living with the consequences of past industrial
18 development, brown fields and contaminated soil that can't
19 be easily undone. People are unable to plant food without
20 being exposed to high amounts of chemical, and children are
21 unable to play outside.

22 Consider this when you speak of the importance of
23 the community's future. I don't want to see this area
24 follow that same path, especially with many nearby protected
25 lands. Once this kind of damage is done to a healthy land

1 it's incredibly difficult to reverse. A permanent
2 detrimental sacrifice for artificial intelligence and
3 inflated economic bubble that will pop, leaving your waste
4 for the community to clean up.

5 I urge you to consider these long-term ecological
6 impacts of the project. And if you care for the community,
7 listen to them.

8 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we'll have Daryl
9 Odhner.

10 **ROSEY FAITH:** Hi. My name is Rosey Faith. That is
11 R-O-S-E-Y. I have faith you can spell Faith. I will be
12 reading a statement provided by Dr. Madeline Nyblade, who is
13 unable to attend but would like her words heard.

14 My name is Dr. Madeline Nyblade. I am a
15 hydrologist and researcher who has conducted independent
16 analysis of the flooding, wetland and storm water impacts of
17 the development at STAMP. I am submitting these comments in
18 my personal capacity as a scientist, not on behalf of any
19 institution. All storm water from both proposed data center
20 campuses flow downstream on to Tonawanda Seneca Nation
21 territory through the Tonawanda Wildlife Management area and
22 into the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge. Approximately
23 351.6 acres of wetlands on Nation lands receive surface
24 water directly from STAMP. The Nation has not been
25 meaningfully consulted. The storm water plans submitted for

1 this project were not adequate. New York State DEC reviewed
2 them in February, and identified more than 20 significant
3 deficiencies. Drainage maps did not match actual site
4 conditions. The rainfall modeling methodology did not meet
5 state standards and was replaced entirely. Three storm
6 water basins were modeled to fail during major storm events
7 and had to be redesigned. The wrong sediment controls were
8 specified throughout the plans. These are not paperwork
9 problems. These are fundamental flaws in a system meant to
10 protect downstream water quality, including the Nation's
11 water. The existing storm water basin at the south campus,
12 inherited from the prior Power Plug project and proposed to
13 be retained without any assessment, appears orange in
14 satellite imagery. There is no inspection record, no
15 performance data and no water quality sampling in the
16 submitted documents to confirm it is functioning or explain
17 why the water present is orange. The wetlands have not been
18 properly evaluated. The applicant's own documents state
19 that infiltration testing confirmed poorly draining soils
20 and that perched water tables are likely present seasonally
21 above an impermeable clay layer. The USDA web soil survey
22 maps -- maps poorly drained soils across both parcels.
23 Satellite imagery shows wet area on the site, yet neither
24 plan documents a wetland jurisdictional determination as
25 required under New York's regulations that took effect

1 January 1st, 2025. My independent analysis finds wetland
2 presence on this site to be likely. Vernal pools, which are
3 common on surrounding lands and for which the site
4 conditions are suitable, were never screened for at all.
5 The flow direction of the site storm water remains
6 scientifically unresolved. USGS stream mapping and the
7 National Hydrography Data Set show these waterways draining
8 toward Oak Orchard Creek, not Tonawanda Creek as New York
9 State DEC and applicant are now asserting. Which way the
10 water flows determines which communities bear the risk --
11 which communities bear the risk and which water quality
12 standards apply. New York State DEC has not issued permit
13 coverage. The regulatory process is not complete. Taxpayer
14 money should not subsidize a project with unresolved water
15 quality violations and unevaluated wetland records and
16 undocumented downstream impacts on sovereign nation lands.
17 I oppose the financial incentives request submitted by
18 STREAM U.S. Data Centers. I demand that GCEDC follow all of
19 New York State DEC's recommendations, a proper wetland
20 determination to be conducted and the Tonawanda Seneca
21 Nation to be meaningfully consulted. I call on GCEDC to
22 reject the incentives application from STREAM U.S. Data
23 Center. Thank you.

24 **MR. MASSE:** On deck we would have Victoria Guite.

25 **DARYL ODHNER:** My name is Daryl Odhner. Do you

1 need that spelled? D-A-R-Y-L, O-D-H-N-E-R. I live in
2 Chili, about 30 miles west -- east of here. I actually
3 wanted to go out with some friends tonight, but I've known
4 about this project for a number of years, and I just felt
5 like I needed to come here and speak my concerns about it.

6 Very many articulate people that had well
7 researched points, and I'm not -- my points are more last
8 minute. But I wanted to say, too, that I appreciate this
9 civic procedure and that we can speak. It's an important
10 feature of democracy. And I also understand your job as the
11 economic development council that, you know, your task of
12 trying to find meaningful economic opportunities for the
13 citizens of your county.

14 But I am opposed to this STREAM Data Center project
15 for many of the reasons that have already been said. And I
16 guess the one that really weighs the most on me is the
17 information that I have had that -- that the Tonawanda
18 Nation hasn't really been, you know, part of the process to
19 the extent that they really should be. I think a lot of
20 the -- a lot of the environmental effects a lot of times we
21 don't measure, like many of them, like, noise and things
22 like that. To me, noise is like a form of trespassing. It
23 kind of goes across boundaries. Same way with air pollution
24 and vibrations and that.

25 I personally would support a moratorium on data

1 centers. Not like -- you know, maybe not going past five
2 years, but at least pending studies that are well done. I
3 guess, you know, even though I live -- don't live in this
4 county, I think all New Yorkers should care about how we
5 treat indigenous people. The history is replete with
6 examples, even as late as President John F. Kennedy's
7 administration down south of here in the southern tier, in
8 which indigenous people were ignored. And I just think the
9 time of that has gone. You know, that's past. No more.
10 And I think that's about it, but thank you.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we would like to
12 have Hillery Dennies. No Hillery? No. Marisa Riggi.

13 **VICTORIA GUITE:** Hello, everybody. My name is
14 Victoria Guite. I am from the Tonawanda Seneca territory,
15 and I'm of the Turtle Clan. So thank you for -- thank you
16 for having this discussion.

17 I would love to spout all of the facts and all of
18 the research that we've done, but we all -- we all know that
19 we're not buying it here. Like, nobody is buying it. Okay?
20 You say that our concerns are miscalculated. That's not for
21 you to determine. There are concerns. You are supposed to
22 acknowledge them and you are supposed to obey them. We
23 already know that this is going to cost our environment, our
24 way of life and our public health. So why -- who is telling
25 you that we want this? Because we clearly don't.

1 You know, I live on the reservation on Sand Hill
2 Road. I grew up there, and I've got the poison oak scars to
3 prove it. When I have children, I'm going to bear my
4 children on that land. That's their birthright. It's not a
5 joke. It's not some financial incentive. That's my home.
6 That's my spirit. Those are my ancestors out there.

7 I also happen to be running for state senate. I
8 was endorsed by the (inaudible). Thank you. And I have had
9 to do so much talking to people. And you know what? People
10 don't do agree on much. You know what they do agree on?
11 This being a no. We don't want this. This is a terrible
12 place for this STAMP act to be.

13 And the only reason I can think that you would want
14 it there is because of its location, because it's close to
15 my land, our territory, historically disenfranchised people,
16 and you think that it's okay to try to get their land and
17 pollute it? Hasn't there been enough? How many other ways
18 can these people say enough is enough? Read the room. We
19 need to buy gas. We need to get our schools up. We need
20 our water treated. We need to invest in ourselves, not
21 this. I understand your incentives and all of that. Look,
22 we don't want them.

23 And in conclusion, yes, I am vehemently opposed to
24 any incentive.

25 **MR. MASSE:** On deck, Kory Towne.

1 **HILLERY DENNIES:** Hi, everyone. My name is Hillery
2 Dennies. I am a resident of the Town of Alabama. I wrote,
3 actually, my comments to you guys when you had held this
4 last month. And I have lengthier version, but I'm going to
5 specifically hone in on today my concern about first
6 responders and the impacts to public safety.

7 So across the US, communities are facing a critical
8 and long-term shortage of volunteer fire fighters. In New
9 York alone, the number of volunteer fire fighters has
10 dropped to its lowest in 40 years. Fire fighter numbers
11 falling from over 120,000 a year in the early 2000s to
12 roughly 70, 80,000 now.

13 Many departments struggle to meet even basic
14 staffing needs let alone take on the additional burden of
15 preparing for and responding to high risk facilities.
16 Factors including increased time constraints and aging
17 membership base and the demanding unpaid nature of the work
18 including long training hours, dragging many of these
19 staffing challenges.

20 So why does this crisis even matter for a small
21 community like the Town of Alabama? Because it is now being
22 asked to support one of the most complex forms of industrial
23 development in the GLOW region in an AI data center. The
24 Town of Alabama is located in Genesee County is home to
25 1,250 acre parcels supposed to be developed into this mega

1 site for large scale high tech manufacturing, including
2 semi-conductors and green energy.

3 Developed by the Genesee County Economic
4 Development Center, you guys, it aims to attract high
5 capacity industries. One such proposal is the STREAM AI
6 data center, a project that would occupy approximately 130
7 acres and span 2.2 million square feet across three
8 two-story buildings.

9 The Town of Alabama has not been immune to the
10 alarming trend of first responders decline and has
11 experienced its own reduction in membership. Without proper
12 due care and addressing these realities for first
13 responders, this proposed data center puts our first
14 responders at risk. It will also further strain a majority
15 of the volunteer network of first responders to a point
16 where they may no longer meet the needs of the community
17 they serve.

18 Consequently, the best course of action is to say
19 no to this proposed data center. Data centers across the
20 United States are massive specialized facilities with
21 complicated risks and hazards. For fire fighters in North
22 America, the growing presence of data centers requires
23 specialized training, identifying and mitigating risks and
24 hazards, along with a significant amount of planning,
25 ongoing coordination just to protect their staff, first

1 responders and the surrounding community.

2 Nothing about these facilities is straight forward
3 or cookie cutter when it comes to emergency response
4 planning or the development of environmental health and
5 safety SOPs. As one fire fighter noted, responding to a
6 data center fire requires a completely different approach
7 than a typical structure fire. Coordinating with building
8 personnel, using the correct suppression agent, avoiding
9 electrical charged equipment, radio operation, and issues
10 related to lithium ion batteries are all things fire
11 fighters need to consider when they respond to these
12 facilities.

13 As power demands increase, many of these facilities
14 are incorporating on site energy generation, including large
15 scale power plants and potentially small modular reactors,
16 or SMRs. Each addition introduces more risk and
17 complexities for emergency response crews. This could
18 include fires involving high density lithium ion batteries,
19 electrical hazards, chemical exposure and even radiological
20 concern.

21 Although the site does not plan to have SMRs or
22 significant lithium battery storage, many AI data centers
23 use this technology -- excuse me. Use these technologies,
24 and it's hard to tell what a site is going to look like or
25 require in the future. To add to the complexity of the AI

1 data centers, new technologies are evolving faster than
2 existing safety codes, leaving safety personnel --
3 professionals across the country struggling to keep up and
4 increasingly what can go wrong is a lot more complex. And I
5 know that I'm going over time.

6 **MR. MASSE:** You can hand that in if you'd like
7 because we've got a lot of people that want to speak. Thank
8 you. Before we go on, I think -- I just want to double
9 check. Are you good? So Marisa and Kory.

10 **MARISA RIGGI:** Hello. My name is Marisa Riggi. I
11 reside in Williamsville. I am here as the Executive
12 Director of Western New York Land Conservancy, a nonprofit
13 land trust, with a mission to permanently protect land with
14 significant conservation values for the benefit of future
15 generations.

16 The proposed data center will irreparably harm the
17 conservation values that the Land Conservancy exists to
18 protect. Farms, forest, wildlife habitat and natural
19 resources that we all depend on for our survival. We oppose
20 the financial incentive request submitted by STREAM U.S.
21 Data Centers, and request that GCEDC follow all of New York
22 State DEC's recommendations.

23 STAMP sits at a critical bottleneck in the Western
24 New York wildway, which is a mapped wildlife corridor
25 essential for biodiversity, species movement, water

1 protection and climate resilience. Built in partnership
2 with over 70 organizations, the wildway connects wildlife
3 habitats so that plants and animals can move, adapt and
4 survive in a changing climate.

5 This area is one of the last remaining safe
6 passages linking the southern tier forest to the shores of
7 Lake Ontario. It is vital to species that depend on
8 Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, Tonawanda and Oak Orchard
9 Wildlife Management areas and the Big Woods. The damage
10 from this project would be profound and irreversible. It
11 must not proceed.

12 Instead of bird song and leaves rustling in the
13 wind, our ears will only hear the endless hum of cooling
14 fans, diesel power generators and semi trucks. Instead of
15 quiet nights under dark skies, light pollution will out
16 shine the stars and change wildlife activity for miles
17 around. The once endangered Bald Eagles who are now
18 thriving here will again lose their habitat and home.

19 1,100 acres of farmland were removed from
20 production when GCEDC acquired this land. According to the
21 USDA, 98 percent of the STAMP site has highly productive
22 agricultural soils. Soils like these are a finite resource.
23 They take generations to form. Instead of growing food for
24 our families, the soils will be covered by the equivalent of
25 40 football fields of pavement and roof tops.

1 Immense amounts of water and energy will be needed
2 to meet the data centers cooling needs. It will further
3 strain our water resources and drive our energy costs
4 even -- sorry. You've distracted me with that. And drive
5 our energy costs even higher. Oak Orchard Creek supports a
6 significant fishery of Lake Ontario and serves as an
7 important regional economic driver. Added stress or risk to
8 water resources raises serious ecological and economic
9 concerns.

10 Our region is under immense pressure for energy
11 development to meet the state's renewable energy goals and
12 growing electrical needs. I'm almost done. The data center
13 would consume a fifth of the energy produced by Niagara
14 Falls. To make up the difference, countless other open
15 spaces will be at risk of development. There are better
16 sites for a data center, including brown fields. Places
17 where wildlife was driven out long ago and that are ripe for
18 redevelopment. Why not revitalize those sites and protect
19 the places of vital ecological and cultural importance?

20 We strongly oppose this project and encourage GCEDC
21 and all involved to rethink STAMP. Thank you.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

23 **KORY TOWNE:** I just want to say I'm seriously
24 opposed to this. Over the years I've watched this area
25 slowly become developed, and farmland has been taken over.

1 Solar panels have been put in. And I feel like we're slowly
2 losing our way of life. This area is a community of
3 farmers, and I feel we're slowly being pushed out of
4 personally my home. I love the area, but the recent
5 developments make me want to move. And I would feel a
6 majority of these people probably feel the same way.

7 Out of everybody that has been here and spoke, only
8 two people have been for this project. Coincidentally,
9 they're the only two people who don't live in the area. I
10 think we can all agree, as politically divided as the
11 country has been, I think we all can agree that we don't
12 want this in our town.

13 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. I think we're going to take
14 a five minute break. That will give the stenographer a
15 break. And I think our video needs to switch some batteries
16 around. So it is 6:03. We'll start back up again at 6:08.

17 (Recess taken.)

18 **MR. MASSE:** We'd like to have Emily Rooker, and
19 then on deck Katrina McCracken.

20 **EMILY ROOKER:** Hi. I'm Emily Rooker. I am a
21 resident of Monroe County. I came out here with Alice.
22 We're apart of Metro Justice, but I would like to say my
23 words on my own.

24 In regards to the job opportunities that may be
25 presented in the short-term for these data centers, it's

1 very short-term. It's shortsighted. In the long run, data
2 centers are designed, and all of this AI, everything, is
3 designed to eliminate jobs, to streamline and make it more
4 profitable for the big guys. They don't care about the
5 little guys. They don't care about any of us at all.

6 They're going to send in their people who are
7 skilled at selling you a fairy tale. And that's exactly
8 what they're selling, a fairy tale. This promise of AI
9 coming in and making work optional. For whom? Who is it
10 going to be optional for? Who is going to pay the wages?
11 Who is going to make it easy for the people who are losing
12 their jobs to survive?

13 One thing we can all agree on in this country,
14 since the pandemic we've seen it, the rich are getting
15 richer, the poor are getting poorer. When do we say enough?
16 And that's all I'd like to say.

17 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we have Sylvia
18 Witmer.

19 **KATRINA MCCRACKEN:** Hello. My name is Katrina
20 McCracken. M-C-C-R-A-C-K-E-N. I live in Brockport. I grew
21 up on a farm, and over the past few years I've become more
22 aware of how developments like data centers can impact
23 agricultural communities.

24 Speaking for many young people, we don't want to
25 lose farmland. We want to protect our farmland, farmers and

1 keep our environment clean and unpolluted. While this
2 project may not directly be taking land from local farms, it
3 will impact them. Life in the agricultural industry is hard
4 enough, please don't make it more difficult.

5 I only learned about this project earlier today.
6 It's crazy how I totally missed this. From what I've seen
7 so far, there is a significant amount of money involved.
8 While economic growth matters, it shouldn't come at the
9 expense of long-term community and environmental health.

10 I believe most people in this project likely have
11 good intentions and want what's best for the community, but
12 for the sake of our health, our land and our future, I
13 respectfully ask for greater transparency and for the voices
14 of local residents to be truly heard. Thank you.

15 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. No Sylvia Witmer? Cheyanne
16 Witmer? Naomi LaDuke, and then on deck Mike Saeli.

17 **NAOMI LADUKE:** My name is Naomi LaDuke, and I'm
18 from the Village of Alexander. I'm reading a statement on
19 behalf of residents of Orleans County who can't be here
20 today.

21 Quote, as one digs deeper into national character
22 of the Americans, one sees that they have sought the value
23 of everything in this world only in the answer to the single
24 question, how much money will it bring in? Quote, Alexis de
25 Tocqueville circa 1840. French aristocrat Alexis de

1 Tocqueville traveled around America in the 1830s and wrote
2 the classic and still popular book *Democracy in America*.
3 After nearly 200 years, the quote is still relevant.

4 Today, a few ultra rich corporations have a
5 tremendous influence on the economy and culture. As every
6 business student learns, the sole criteria for corporate
7 success is the generation of wealth for the shareholders.
8 That's it. Anything else -- equitable distribution of
9 wealth, concern for nature and the environment, concern for
10 employees and customs, basic human empathy -- is only
11 important if it helps to increase shareholder wealth.

12 A consequence of this philosophy is the raw
13 capitalistic ethos that dominates 21st century America.
14 Phenomenal wealth (inaudible) inequality, material wellbeing
15 for some, but a hardship for many others, and emotional and
16 spiritual desolation for nearly all. A change is needed.

17 A microcosm of the whole cultural picture is being
18 played out locally in the form of a proposed data center in
19 Genesee County. It will be huge. Around 37 football
20 fields. It will use far more electricity than the combined
21 total usage of Genesee, Orleans, Livingston and Wyoming
22 counties. It will cost over 19 billion to build and will
23 employ only 125 people.

24 The builder is asking Genesee County for over 1.4
25 billion in tax breaks, and it will be noisy. Constant 24/7

1 noise. It will burn large amounts of polluting diesel fuel
2 to run its backup generators. Its waste water will be
3 handled by an awkward, heavily criticized plan to discharge
4 treated waste into an already impaired Oak Orchard Creek.

5 It will be nearly surrounded by government
6 protected lands, like the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge
7 and others, and by the Tonawanda Seneca Reservation. Spills
8 of diesel fuel or cooling fluid do cause great harm.

9 It will be used by an undisclosed corporation
10 almost surely for artificial intelligence corporations. If
11 America can avoid a bubble bursting AI crash, the data
12 center could be immensely profitable. Where will the
13 profits flow? Essentially all the profits will flow out of
14 our area, mostly to rich high tech corporations on the west
15 coast.

16 Data centers are in essence extractive entities.
17 They use resources like land and electricity and do not
18 return meaningful wealth to the area, mostly because they
19 employ very few people. Granted, PILOT payments and fees
20 paid to the GCEDC stay local. But remember, that there's
21 also the proposed 1.4 billion in abated tax revenues the
22 state and county will never see.

23 Finally, to make the whole situation worse,
24 residential electric bills will go up. Please ask yourself,
25 is this what we want? Perhaps more important than the

1 economic issues are the social and environmental risks that
2 come with data centers. Those risks are all born locally.
3 The Big Woods of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation gets unceasing
4 noise, diesel exhaust and groundwater pollution from any
5 spills.

6 We believe that it was neither ethical nor moral to
7 subject the Nation to such risks. Moreover, the buildings
8 themselves will lay along the boarder of the reservation.
9 Meaning, (inaudible) that for 250 years our government has
10 taken advantage of them. Again, is this what we want?

11 **MR. MASSE:** Do you want to hand that in? Thank
12 you. On deck, Gerald Dee.

13 **MIKE SAELE:** Hello. I'm Mike Saeli. I live in the
14 Town of Pembroke. Lifelong resident there. Fourth
15 generation. We've owned our land for going on a hundred
16 years now. I got a couple topics to bring up.

17 When this STAMP plant started 12, 14 years ago, it
18 was talked -- there was going to be almost 9,000 jobs
19 coming. You guys sold it to make everything sound like it
20 was going to be great. Well, from what my numbers look like
21 here, the 500 gigawatts of power, which is 80 percent of the
22 electric allowed to do entire STAMP plant, right? And
23 they're only going to be 20 percent of the projects acreage
24 from what the numbers that I just got.

25 So how do those numbers add up? 80 percent of the

1 power that's allotted for the whole -- you're basically
2 shutting down the whole rest of the program because there's
3 no power left for any other companies to come in there. For
4 120 jobs, the numbers just don't add up. It's not what you
5 guys sold people on way back then, you know.

6 The addition is so bad they're negative numbers.
7 It's not feasible in any way shape or form. 80 percent of
8 the electric for 120 permanent jobs when it's all said and
9 done for 20 percent of the land. So you're going to shut
10 down the plant after they -- after they go in there, the
11 rest of it's going to be shut down because there's no power
12 left for any other companies to come in there. Am I adding
13 right or am I mistaken there?

14 Again, this is the biggest thing that the Genesee
15 County Economic Development Center ever done, right? This
16 is your biggest project for Genesee County? How come the
17 Board members aren't sitting here listening? How come the
18 residents got to trust that they're going to read through
19 all these things and everything. This is the biggest thing
20 ever in this area. These people are -- you know, and they
21 should be sitting in these chairs right here looking
22 everyone in the eye. How come they're not here? This
23 doesn't make any sense, you know.

24 The whole thing -- the Town of Pembroke now, my
25 tax -- my fire tax in the Town of Pembroke has gone up 115

1 percent in the past two years to try to keep our fire
2 department going. Their whole reason that they needed to
3 raise it 115 is because of the factories that went up, the
4 ones that you guys supported, Yancey's Fancy, the apartment
5 complex that went up and everything. But you give them tax
6 incentives. But now the residents are paying 115 percent
7 more because they need bigger trucks to fight for this
8 Nextel (sic) factory that went up by the thruway entrance
9 and everything like that. Yancey's Fancy, they need big
10 trucks. Our little volunteer fire company can't afford
11 that.

12 My last thing is your incentive with this. If I go
13 buy -- if I want to build a garage at my house, I'm going to
14 go buy \$5,000 worth of materials. I'm going to pay sales
15 tax on \$5,000 worth of materials. I'm going to build it on
16 my property. The town is going to say it's \$20,000, so my
17 taxes are going to go up that much more and everything. How
18 come a giant billion dollar company would get such big tax
19 effects when the residents keep paying more and more and
20 more. We pay our fair share and we're common folks. We pay
21 all our taxes, our property tax, the value of our property.
22 We put that garage up on my property, it's going to go up
23 \$40,000. My taxes are going to go up because my property is
24 worth more.

25 How much -- he said the numbers of how much they're

1 going to pay for tax, but if it's a 14 or 18 billion dollar
2 business, that's worth more than the entire land in Genesee
3 County in taxes. Every farmer, every house, everything
4 doesn't -- it doesn't come up to that big a number.

5 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Michael Dennies.

6 **GERALD DEE:** Gerald Dee. Rochester, New York. I
7 represent the Carpenters of Local 276 in the North Atlantic
8 States Regional Council of Carpenters. And for us, this
9 means jobs. Good paying jobs. We train our apprentices.
10 We get benefits. We pay our health care from the hours we
11 work out of these projects, and we are in full support of
12 this project. Thank you.

13 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Julia Hall is on deck,
14 please.

15 **MICHAEL DENNIES:** My name is Michael Dennies. I
16 live here in the Town of Alabama. I'm going a pick up where
17 Hillery Dennies left off, speaking about first responders.
18 Okay.

19 The technology inside these facilities is advancing
20 so quickly that sometimes companies will halt construction
21 plans mid-project to redesign systems around new
22 innovations. For emergency responders, that means they must
23 constant adapt to entirely new layouts, newly identified
24 hazards and risks, as well as response protocols. This is
25 well before they've even fully understood the original

1 plans.

2 In a larger city there may be full-time specialized
3 units equipped to handle these types of incidents at places
4 like this. In the Town of Alabama and the City of Batavia,
5 that responsibility will fall on them, that's us, including
6 the volunteers who are already operating at their limits.
7 So when a major incident occurs at a facility like the AI
8 data center, it will not just impact the site itself, it
9 will pull critical emergency resources away from the rest of
10 the community.

11 We'll be calling out to a number of departments
12 across Western New York for mutual aid assistance. That
13 means if there's an ambulance available for medical
14 emergencies, longer wait times for mutual aid, and increased
15 risk for residents who rely on timely responses in life
16 threatening situations.

17 My wife and I, Hillery, have spent a decade working
18 in environmental health and safety as environmental health
19 and safety professionals, and we spent nearly 10 years
20 serving as volunteer fire fighters and hazmat technicians in
21 both the Town of Clarence and the Village of Akron. We have
22 both seen firsthand the realities of Western New York
23 emergency services are facing, like (inaudible), call
24 volume, heavy time commitments and an aging population.

25 EMS crews are often the most (inaudible) cover

1 large areas with minimal personnel all while balancing
2 full-time jobs and their own family responsibilities. Even
3 prior to ambulance services like Twin City Ambulance are
4 having a difficult time hiring EMTs that face significant
5 staffing challenges which have contributed to reported
6 (inaudible) with emergency response times. And has even
7 prompted the Town of Tonawanda to create its own municipal
8 balance services.

9 Given these realities, an important question still
10 stands. Has the potential strain the STREAM AI data center
11 may place on local emergency response crews been fully
12 considered by the GCEDC? STREAM and GCEDC are asking our
13 community of volunteer first responders to take on an
14 additional heavy burden. As highlighted earlier, first
15 responders across New York State are already stretching
16 thin.

17 These brave men and women sacrificing of their own
18 time and energy serving their communities. They willingly
19 put their lives on the line to help a neighbor without
20 hesitation. For that reason, this is not a question of
21 whether or not our first responders can host a mega site
22 facility, it is if the emergency response infrastructure as
23 it exists today can support it.

24 The GCEDC must stop simply ignoring this question
25 and address the gaps with clear and enforceable solutions.

1 If they do not, approval of this project could be placing
2 both our first responders and our community in general at
3 risk.

4 This is written by Hillery Dennies, resident of the
5 Town of Alabama, former fire fighter and EHS professional.
6 Thank you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck would be Adrienne
8 Yocina.

9 **JULIA HALL:** Hello. My name is Julia Hall. I live
10 in Buffalo, New York. I am also a proud union member. I
11 also oppose the financial incentives for this project. I
12 was here in March, and there were -- you know the room was
13 full, right? And between March and April one of the most
14 interesting things are the new perspectives that have been
15 brought to you today. You know, the alignment with the
16 military potentially, the issues of first responders.

17 But a key intervention between March and today is
18 the report by the Applied Economic Center, which is a
19 non-for-profit consulting group that often offers its expert
20 services in the areas of energy and environment and consumer
21 protection. They reviewed the financial incentives
22 application from STREAM and produced a report that
23 unequivocally concludes that this project is not good for
24 Genesee County.

25 Now, I found it very interesting that you took the

1 opportunity before any of us had the opportunity to speak to
2 try to shift the narrative around that report. That's a
3 common tactic. It's very much a common tactic by people in
4 power to get in right from the start to create the
5 narrative. So let me take back the narrative of that report
6 for everyone in this room.

7 The deep insecurity that you must feel about this
8 report means that it will probably have some influence, and
9 I hope it does because the conclusions were quite
10 interesting and they fall on the side of everyone who is
11 sitting in this room who is against this project. So I'm
12 going to read them without the preemptive shade that you've
13 already cast upon them.

14 There are five conclusions. STREAM does not
15 provide any supporting materials for its cost benefit
16 analysis. Now, you noted that you do the cost benefit
17 analysis, but you must obviously do that with input from the
18 company. The absence of the information that was required
19 fails to meet standards expected in a public decision making
20 process. And it's insufficient to determine whether the
21 proposed project would provide net benefits for the local
22 community.

23 Two, STREAM failed to address potential costs
24 associated with the project. Now, people have been noting
25 this all afternoon long. The costs are a moving target.

1 They haven't given you information about how this will
2 affect property values, affects on tourism and recreation,
3 utility bill impacts, public health impacts et cetera.
4 STREAM's job creation estimates exceed values found in
5 publically available data. We don't know what the
6 employment implications are. You haven't given us that
7 information nor have they.

8 STREAM has requested a local sales tax abatement
9 and mortgage recording tax abatement, which taken together
10 are worth 25 times more than the benefits provided by the
11 proposed PILOT/host payments. In other words, STREAM has
12 requested tax abatements worth 25 times more than the
13 promised benefits.

14 Finally, STREAM's proposed data center may
15 negatively impact tourism and recreation, which are an
16 integral part of the community. I'd like to submit this
17 report and these comments, and really encourage everyone to
18 read the report and not accept the narrative that this --
19 the people in front of you offered today.

20 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck we'll have Kelly
21 Hallenbeck.

22 **ADRIENNE YOCINA:** Hi. My name is Adrienne Yocina,
23 and most of my comments were about local fire departments.
24 And that was mostly covered by Ms. Dennies comments. But I
25 just want to add that there would be an unfunded public

1 safety mandate, because it feels like this project is being
2 fast tracked with a massive tax break at the staggering cost
3 of protecting it and the liability if we fail falls entirely
4 on a local volunteer system that would be stretched entirely
5 too thin. So this is known to be an irresponsible industry
6 being put into a park that was originally intended for
7 semi-conductor manufacturing.

8 And I just want to rebut to the union real quick.
9 Our union members deserve good jobs on good projects. I
10 feel like the union leadership is kind of using those guys
11 and women as pawns in this situation, and I just want to
12 point that out.

13 We have a need in this community and surrounding
14 areas for a dialysis clinic. There is one that's closing
15 and leaving town, and the drive will be 45 minutes for
16 anybody that lives in Batavia to get dialysis. So let's use
17 the dollars that you're given to hand out for projects that
18 benefit the community, that fulfill a need.

19 And before I leave the podium, I cannot leave
20 without mentioning that I take affront as a community
21 member, as a parent and as a mother who raised three boys
22 here to adulthood that you would do business, with tax money
23 especially, with an Epstein connected company. They're not
24 just a bank. It's disgusting. And it's -- this is a legacy
25 making or breaking project. We want to look up to you. We

1 want you to do well for us. We really do. Thank you.

2 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck, Laura Grote.

3 **KELLY HALLENBECK:** Hi. I'm Kelly Hallenbeck. I
4 want to talk about the fact that both the STREAM Data Center
5 and GCEDC representatives seem to be on a full blown media
6 tour lately. They've been on TV stations all over Buffalo,
7 all over Rochester and all over social media. It does make
8 you wonder, what does it say about your project if you have
9 to work this hard to convince people it's a good idea?

10 Most businesses don't need a PR campaign when they
11 come to town. If something is truly a great opportunity, it
12 speaks for itself. It doesn't need a daily reminder posted
13 and a media tour schedule. And some of what they're saying
14 on these interviews is unsettling and perhaps inadvertantly
15 revealing. Oisín Ó Murchú, Chief Development Officer for
16 STREAM Data Center, was apart of this media blitz.

17 Recently with a -- did an interview on WIVB Channel
18 4 on March 30th, he assured the world that this data center
19 will be no louder than 45 decibels, about the sound of your
20 dishwasher. He stated that his dishwasher in his house sits
21 ten feet from his bedroom door, and he can't hear a thing at
22 night. Now, I'm no acoustics expert, but that leaves us
23 with two possibilities. Either he lives in a teeny tiny
24 house or we're being given a tall tale about the world's
25 quietest dishwasher.

1 So forgive me if I'm a little sceptical. If we're
2 supposed to trust these noise estimates, I'm going to need
3 more than dishwasher metaphors. I'm going to need more than
4 studies funded by the data center developers. If he wants
5 to provide a house tour and dispel my misgivings, great.
6 Maybe the next TV interview. But it's hard to tell what's
7 more suspect, the proposed data center or what we're being
8 told about it.

9 I sincerely hope that the Town of Alabama Board,
10 the Town of Alabama Planning Board is paying attention to
11 these details, as is their due diligence. I hope they're
12 paying attention to what is being said as well as what is
13 not being said. We have not heard out of any of these media
14 tours or in the presentation that we were given today
15 anything about the AI bubble, anything about heat islands.
16 We've heard nothing about infrasound damage or E-waste.

17 I hope they are listening to what is being said
18 here tonight. I also hope that the Genesee County
19 legislature, our representatives at the state and federal
20 levels are also listening to our voices, because our words
21 should matter more to them than those of the paid
22 representatives of Texas billionaires.

23 **MR. MASSE:** On deck we'll have Mark Cordes.

24 **LAURA GROTE:** Hi. My name is Laura. I live in
25 Lockport. I'm also a longtime member of Local 200. I am

1 going to read a letter from the Rochester City Council,
2 specifically Mary Lupien and Stanley Martin.

3 To whom it may concern, Rochester sits on the
4 unseated land of the Seneca people of the Haudenosaunee
5 confederacy. I'm sorry I slaughtered that. That was bad.
6 Our city exists because of displacement and broken
7 agreements. The history of taking land without consent is
8 not just something to acknowledge, it is something we are
9 responsible for changing. The proposed STAMP data center
10 continues a pattern of decisions made without respecting the
11 indigenous sovereignty. It threatens the Tonawanda Seneca
12 Nation's land, water and way of life. It also reflects what
13 happens when projects move too fast and ignore the knowledge
14 of those who have stewarded this land for generations. Land
15 acknowledgement without action are empty. If we are serious
16 about justice, we must support the Nation's right to protect
17 their land and say no. This project asks every day people
18 to carry the environmental and economic costs with a --
19 while private developers takes the benefit. The harm will
20 not stop at one site. It will show up in our water, our
21 air, our quality of life. We stand with the Tonawanda
22 Seneca Nation in opposition to the STAMP data center.

23 In my own words, have you heard the term regulatory
24 capture? It's where agencies that are supposed to serve the
25 public serve powerful interests instead, such as the Epstein

1 class. Once you have sold your soul, there is no refund.
2 Thank you.

3 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. And then Cheryl Cordes is
4 on deck too.

5 **MARK CORDES:** Mark Cordes. Last name C-O-R-D-E-S.
6 Church Street, Alabama. I am opposed to this data center.
7 I'm opposed to this incentive package plan. There's no
8 incentive for us. It's like someone coming into a
9 restaurant and buying a meal, not paying for it. Someone's
10 got to pay for it. You're giving all this incentive. The
11 money is lost somewhere.

12 Now my questions. The diesel generators, will they
13 require DEF fluid? Question number one. Fun fact for the
14 crowd. Apollo Global Management has under management 750
15 billion dollars, and they can't afford anything better than
16 this? Our benefit, 285 million.

17 My next question. Is it indexed for inflation?
18 Have you thought about it? 30 years from now, what is this
19 285 million dollars going to be worth? Maybe this piece of
20 paper. I yield the rest of my type time my lovely wife,
21 Cheryl.

22 **CHERYL CORDES:** I am opposed to this data center.
23 And I am going to thank everybody for their comments about
24 water and electric and all of the things that you are
25 thinking that this is bad for that I'm in agreement with.

1 But where I'm going to go with what I want to talk about is
2 when this is all said and done and the data center is up and
3 running, what does that mean for us? We live here. Okay.

4 Now I'm going to talk about infrasound, because
5 their sound study and the new sound study from Wendel, I'll
6 guarantee you, they're not going there. Okay. Now, the
7 best information you can get about infrasound is through our
8 Department of Defense, because they've been using infrasound
9 for decades. Why? Mind manipulation and torture. Okay.

10 Here's the definition of infrasound. It's a wave
11 phenomenon of the same physical nature as sound but with
12 frequencies in a range below human hearing. So we're not
13 going to hear it, but our cellular energy of the human body
14 is going to be absorbing it. And this is in the range of
15 zero to 20 hertz.

16 Now, at the Monday meeting I mentioned infrasound,
17 and I got my information from the International Journal of
18 Environmental Research and Public Health. Maybe they'll
19 look into that. The articles name is *Low Frequency Noise:*
20 *Experiences From a Low Frequency Noise Perceiving*
21 *Population*. For all my further discussions, I'm just going
22 to refer to it as LFN with the time constraint.

23 This study was produced at the University of
24 Groningen in the Netherlands. It was conducted in
25 accordance with the declaration of (inaudible). Noise

1 pollution currently constitutes the largest environmental
2 pollutant in Europe. Various adverse health effects include
3 cardiovascular problems, sleep disturbances, annoyance and
4 cognitive impairment. Consistent low frequency sound around
5 and below human hearing threshold is poorly understood, it's
6 a recognized environmental stressor, it's produced by man
7 made sources, ventilation systems, traffic, turbines, data
8 centers and diesel generators.

9 44 percent of all noise complaints to health and
10 regulatory authorities represent LNF complaints. It
11 presents as pressure in the chest, 19 percent. In your
12 ears, 41 percent. Body vibrations, two percent. So now I'm
13 going to say this. LNF is more audible at night, and it's
14 namely perceived, guess where, quiet, rural suburban areas.

15 **MR. WALTERS:** That is your time.

16 **CHERYL CORDES:** Indoors rather than outdoors,
17 specifically in homes. Now, there's a gentleman that I come
18 across. His name is Ben Jordan. He has a thing, data
19 centers behaving like acoustic weapons. He does seismograph
20 readings, the impact of noise on health. High frequency
21 noise is buffered by distance, but that doesn't hold true
22 for infrasound.

23 **MR. MASSE:** Okay. If you have something --

24 **CHERYL CORDES:** He gave me his time.

25 **MR. MASSE:** We did give you extra time.

1 **CHERYL CORDES:** (Inaudible) the permanent basin and
2 the ambient average at Death Valley. This gentleman went to
3 all those areas and he recorded the infrasound. Then he
4 come back and he made an insulated room. And in that
5 insulated room he had five chairs and five headphones, and
6 he put five people in that room. And you know how long he
7 left them in the room? Got this, three minutes. We're
8 going to be 24/7. Okay? This is what his data showed.

9 **MR. MASSE:** We do have a lot of people that would
10 like to speak.

11 **CHERYL CORDES:** Increase to 25 percent (inaudible)
12 nausea. Dizziness and vestibular disturbances, 150 percent,
13 which causes increased falls, fractures and hospitalization.
14 Highly documented complaints of residents near data centers.
15 43 percent stated a loss of spiritual feeling. 11 percent
16 less likely to be creeped out. Chills, an increase of 20
17 percent. Irritability, 33 percent increase. Depression, 33
18 percent increase. Three times more likely to experience eye
19 irritation. Lethargy, 80 percent. Anxiety, 55 percent.
20 Two times more likely to experience sadness. Three times
21 more likely to experience discomfort.

22 Back to the Epstein thing.

23 **MR. WALTERS:** Can we ask you to come back up at the
24 end, please?

25 **CHERYL CORDES:** No. Are you interested in hearing

1 it? Okay.

2 **MR. WALTERS:** Many people have not been here to
3 speak.

4 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** You don't care.

5 **MR. WALTERS:** I think this is great. It's really
6 interesting. I would love it to be submitted in writing.

7 **CHERYL CORDES:** Oh, okay. Well go online. I told
8 you the article. Go do your own research.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Everybody, please. Just let's relax.

10 **CHERYL CORDES:** So in a study from the Netherlands
11 they categorized the physical health impacts, psychological,
12 cognitive and mainly life functioning.

13 Under the physical, sleep fatigue, annoyance,
14 stress, nervousness, distraction, irritability, depression
15 and anxiety. Psychologically, increase in blood pressure,
16 GI problems, neck and back pain, cracking and pulsing ear
17 pain, constant. Attention, memory, verbal and visual skills
18 cognitively. Daily life functioning interferes with daily
19 living, interferes with work performance, interferes with
20 personal relationships. Increases drug use. Just what we
21 need. Okay. Helplessness and frustration.

22 Now, Musk's X AI in Texas, okay, he was just cited
23 in January 2026. In a matter of 11 days his data center
24 produced three million sexually provocative images of girls
25 age 11 to 13. And I'm going to finish with a quote from the

1 father of medicine. First is, do no harm. Second is, think
2 about what you're doing. Thanks.

3 **MR. MASSE:** Alyssa Beuler. And on deck, David
4 Alton.

5 **ALYSSA BEULER:** Hi. My name is Alyssa Beuler.
6 B-E-U-L-E-R. I live in Oakfield. So my confusion starts
7 where a data center fits into STAMP's initial mission.
8 Advanced manufacturing and 9,000 jobs were the main pillar
9 of the project. Data centers do not manufacture anything
10 nor do they create permanent jobs. This data center in
11 particular will be likely used for regenerative AI which is
12 intended to replace humans in the workforce, not employ
13 them.

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

23 The annual household income in Oakfield is \$70,000,
24 yet we have to foot the bill. The tax burden will
25 eventually shift to us. State Senator Liz Krueger was

1 quoted saying every time somebody doesn't have to pay taxes,
2 somebody else pays more. As a mom, I can't help but wonder
3 how this will affect my family for generations. My son will
4 be part of the school district. The budget failed twice
5 last year. PILOT payments could have contributed to that.

6 There are ranges awarded to developers to make
7 payments in lieu of taxes. In 2023, Investigative Post
8 found that district across Western New York are losing
9 millions of dollars each year from property tax breaks. Our
10 school will feel those effects for 30 years as per the
11 agreement between GCEDC and STREAM.

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

21 And to be honest, I think all of you have
22 reservations about moving forward with this project. And if
23 not, you should. Today, you're being confronted with the
24 harsh truth that our community may never recover from this.
25 And I understand that we need local infrastructure

1 improvement. We know that. And worse, STREAM knows that.

2 I doubt that this will end with just one. What
3 will stop future data centers from coming into our area?
4 Have you heard of data center alley in Virginia? This is
5 how it works. They prey on communities with limited
6 resources to fight and too few residents to make a
7 difference, or so you all think. So when do we get to say
8 no, that's enough? Because it's never enough for them. So
9 far it hasn't been enough power, enough land, enough
10 resources and certainly not enough money. So when do we
11 decide?

12 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck is Christine Zinni.

13 **DAVID ALTON:** Hello. I'm David Alton you. You,
14 the Town Board, have the power to stop this STAMP plant.
15 There is so much in this area that -- area that the Board is
16 about to destroy by the building of this mega data center.
17 The laws of Bald Eagles. You know, the eagle was at some
18 time hunted almost to the point of extinction. The eagles
19 need quiet and rest. They won't get that with this data
20 center, nor will the citizens around the area.

21 Thank heavens, there was some people that took
22 initiative to save the national symbol of freedom years ago.
23 Will you do that? This monster plant will destroy their
24 habitat. They again may die out because you have -- you,
25 the Board, made the wrong choice. I want the Board to help

1 save the eagles, stop destroying their habitat and allow
2 them to flourish in this area. Make the correct choice and
3 vote no.

4 The idea that Oakfield water treatment plant is
5 going to be able to treat potable water and send it back
6 into the Oatka Creek after treatment will not work. This
7 hot water will kill off the fishing industry in Orleans
8 County. And by doing that, change the ecosystem of the
9 Lake. Again, another negative against the data center.

10 Vote no on this terrible, terrible project idea.
11 This monster data center that no one knows the name of the
12 company, but it's a top 50 Fortune 500 company -- top 50
13 Fortune company has ties to Apollo Global Management as the
14 bank with ties to Jeffrey Epstein through their top
15 management is going to destroy the way of life for the
16 Seneca Nation who rely on the area for hunting, fishing,
17 food and medicine.

18 Birds, animals and humans can't live with the
19 constant noise the center is going to make 24/7. No one
20 wants this data center except GCEDC and the Town Board. No
21 one. You right now have the power to do the correct thing
22 and vote no. Stop the data center in its tracks. Break the
23 agreement, vote no. This area does not need nor want a data
24 center. If the Board votes for this horrible monster data
25 plant, all of you will be -- will be -- have it on your

1 conscience that this is -- for on your head forever. No one
2 wants this data center at all. Vote no.

3 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Andrew Goldstein.

4 **CHRISTINE ZINNI:** Hello. Can you hear me okay? My
5 name is Christine Zinni, Z-I-N-N-I, and I live in Batavia,
6 New York. A third generation Italian American there. My
7 dad was a lawyer, police attorney for the city.

8 And I can't help, having worked in a law office
9 when I was young, looking around and thinking that this is a
10 jury. This is a jury. This is public opinion.
11 Non-partial. They are concerned. And I unfortunately
12 predict that if you move forward with this plan you are
13 going to have a flurry of lawsuits. A flurry of lawsuits.

14 You heard testimony, expert testimony from
15 hydrologists, from doctors, from local residents, from
16 ecologists. You know, people that are just not speaking off
17 the top of their head, but have studied these issues for
18 years. And the harm. And as numerous people have said
19 what's at stake here is harm.

20 Yes, there are jobs. Some jobs at stake. But in
21 the balance of things, how many people does it harm? A
22 whole community of Tonawanda Seneca people. I stand in
23 solidarity with a whole people and the environment. Okay?
24 So there's that balance. I want to read -- I have a lot to
25 say about that and thought a lot about it. But I want to

1 read something from a Monroe County legislature. The Office
2 of the Majority Caucus. Their position is -- and I'm going
3 to condense some of this and submit this for the record.

4 They're concerned about the projects energy
5 demands, among other things. The data center is projected
6 to consume 500 megawatts of electricity annually, which is
7 enough to power approximately 410 homes. To put this into
8 perspective, that exceeds the total number of housing units
9 in the county I represent, Monroe County -- this is from the
10 legislature -- at a time when people are grappling with
11 rising energy costs.

12 And so they're concerned about that. And they also
13 say that the diversion of water resources is another point
14 of concern. And listen to this. The Genesee County has
15 already committed it 200,000 gallons of water to STAMP.
16 They don't want this because it's coming from Monroe County.
17 This is the legislature, official signed. Okay.

18 For all these reasons they say the economic,
19 environmental and ethical, I urge the Genesee Economic
20 Development Center to reject the requested subsidy and
21 reconsider this project. Our region's limited resources
22 should be invested in initiatives, prioritizing in the
23 delivery of meaningful, equitable and sustainable benefits
24 to the people who live here. You can contact any of the
25 people on the legislature.

1 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Anne Bacon.

2 **ANDREW GOLDSTEIN:** Hello. My name is Andrew
3 Goldstein. I'm from Buffalo, New York. I'm going to be
4 reading the statement from the Buffalo Ornithological
5 Society. Submitted comments are part of this hearing.

6 The Buffalo Ornithological Society, bird watchers,
7 was established in 1929 to promote the study of birds in
8 Western New York and nearby south eastern Ontario, Canada.
9 This region is rich in bird life with over 380 species of
10 birds recorded. We annually participate in bird counts
11 throughout our region, including the National -- Iroquois
12 National Wildlife Refuge and other wildlife management areas
13 near the proposed site for the STREAM Data Center.

14 The Tonawanda Seneca Nation Big Woods is also a
15 large wild area adjacent to the land going to be used by the
16 data center. Several species of threatened endangered
17 birds, amphibians and mammals are found in the Big Woods and
18 surrounding areas.

19 We oppose this financial incentive request of over
20 1.4 billion dollars submitted by STREAM Data. We request
21 that the GCEDC follow all New York State DEC recommendation,
22 and call on the GCEDC to, one, reject the incentive
23 application. Two, conduct a supplemental Environmental
24 Impact Statement focused on data centers at STAMP. Three,
25 conduct a supplemental EIS for the entire STAMP site taking

1 into account new laws and regulations since 2012. Four,
2 ensure that the SEQR analysis incorporates a review of
3 cultural and environmental justice impacts on the Tonawanda
4 Seneca Nation and includes input from the Nation, DEC and
5 the State Historic Preservation Office on those impacts.
6 Five, conduct a SEQR review that includes a detailed impact
7 analysis for both the -- for both operations and
8 construction phases of the project. Keeping in mind that
9 construction is forecasted to take at least five years and
10 be louder than anything that the operations will do. Six,
11 require prior to completing the SEQR review that independent
12 studies be issued on such issues as noise, air, emissions,
13 traffic and water impacts. And that they be completed and
14 made available to the public before your presentation. I'm
15 going to be taking one and a half minutes for my comments at
16 the end. Thank you.

17 Project Double Reed threatens the quality of life,
18 wellbeing, cost of living of all residents of New York
19 State, including and especially the residents of nearby
20 communities Genesee County and the citizens of the Tonawanda
21 Seneca Nation. Signed the Buffalo Ornithology Society.

22 As for my own -- sorry about that.

23 **MR. WALTERS:** That is your time.

24 **ANDREW GOLDSTEIN:** No, but I will keep going. I
25 was asked to read that, so I will continue. Thank you. As

1 for my own comment, I would like to add for the record --
2 and it's only a minute and a half. For the record, in
3 addition to my previous comments that the GCEDC publish the
4 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act analysis,
5 which as you mentioned in your statement, for this project
6 as required by DEC before your final review.

7 You have not posted that statement and analysis
8 yet. This is no trivial matter. The data center will
9 produce over 1.5 million metric tons of CO2 annually. This
10 is the equivalent of 300,000 cars off the road annually. So
11 you have not reported this. It's a scope two emissions, and
12 you have not done it in your analysis to date. If you don't
13 trust my numbers, which you shouldn't, I implore you to
14 publish this analysis before taking any further action.

15 Second, I urge you to require this energy monster
16 to be carbon neutral. It is important for these mega
17 wealthy corporations, as they consolidate their ownership of
18 this country's means of production, to be at least -- at
19 least not adding to our earth global warming.

20 Therefore -- and I'll be brief shortly. Therefore,
21 I ask that as part of the economic package that STREAM Data
22 contribute the equivalent of carbon offsets to mitigate this
23 1.5 million tons of carbon emissions. Accordingly, that
24 would be 15 million dollars annually to local and state
25 wildlife, forestry and natural wildlife projects.

1 So much harm this facility will do, and to what
2 little help will it provide our families, our homes, our
3 work places and our singular planet. Thank you.

4 **MR. MASSE:** On deck would be (inaudible).

5 **ANNE BACON:** Hello. My name is Anne Bacon. I'm a
6 long time resident of Alabama, Alabama taxpayer and I'm a
7 peri miter resident of the STAMP site. It's hard to
8 determine what to focus on and how to condense it in a way
9 that would be clear and meaningful.

10 I do want to start by thanking the Town Board and
11 our Planning Board for postponing Monday's meeting, which
12 was be planned to do a site plan review and get public
13 comments. By doing so they recognize that both they and the
14 public needed more time to receive, digest and evaluate the
15 materials associated with the project. That commitment and
16 their commitment to the due diligence and community impact
17 evaluation really matters.

18 At the last session I followed -- I focused on the
19 financial part. Today I want to focus on today four other
20 points. First, as a resident who has followed STAMP for
21 years, I noticed a consistent pattern in GCEDC's public
22 materials. Key topics are often glossed over or presented
23 in ways that make it difficult to compare apples to apples,
24 and difficult to understand all that's being proposed.
25 Benefits are described with precision and confidence, like

1 the flyer we got this week for anybody that's a resident,
2 and costs and operational risks and risks to the community
3 are described in broad strokes or with numbers that shift
4 from one document to the next or aren't discussed at all.

5 Extensive documentation is published just in time,
6 like the mass loading of the STREAM application materials
7 broken into 25 different files just nine days before today's
8 session. Meanwhile, the PR campaign characterizes these as
9 minor tweaks to the documentation, the hundreds of pages,
10 without providing any summary of what changed.

11 That makes it hard to the public and for decision
12 makers to understand the full picture. It's not accidental.
13 Another example in the latest application is that some of
14 the visualizations of the STREAM site appear to be taken at
15 ground or ditch level. Residents deserve visualization that
16 reflect what people will actually see from their homes, from
17 their properties, from the setbacks and at typical viewing
18 heights.

19 Second, not all design elements in this application
20 are community friendly. The construction traffic entrance
21 at the STAMP drive, for those that are familiar with the
22 area, is certainly better than the entrances at Judge and
23 Lewiston Road, but it doesn't eliminate the impact. There's
24 still going to be rerouting concerns of local residents that
25 are traveling to and from the thruway, to and from Tonawanda

1 Seneca Nation and the nearby counties. There will be lunch
2 time traffic, noise and daytime activities from the
3 temporary construction yard.

4 Residents, especially those that are traveling and
5 at the STAMP boundary, deserve to know what specific
6 mitigation measures will be in place. Not general
7 assurances, but actual commitments to sound buffering and
8 traffic control.

9 There are also gaps along the roof sound barriers
10 and generators that are placed closest to the neighboring
11 properties rather than toward the interior of the STAMP
12 site. That will create unnecessary noise and disruption.
13 This has been done for economic reasons, not to be community
14 aware or community friendly.

15 In regards to the individual components being
16 managed as best they can, it's impossible to imagine that a
17 2.2 million square foot data center can fit into the rural
18 character of Alabama, New York, as has been promised in the
19 GEIS and as part of the county's Smart Growth Plan. The
20 retention of rural character is illogical in any
21 configuration, design or building material of this size.

22 **MR. WALTERS:** That is your time.

23 **ANNE BACON:** I have this last page. Third, major
24 pieces of the application remain unknown or unverified.
25 STREAM's cost benefit analysis, as people have commented,

1 have been changed dramatically from one version to the next.
2 And it is different, but it's only a single line item.
3 Nothing is described about what is underlying that change.

4 Significant construction benefits. They're there,
5 but over 60 percent is being planned to come from outside
6 the area, including the use of prefabricated materials so
7 that it can be put up quicker. And how the noise, including
8 the low frequency, will be addressed and monitored has not
9 been provided yet for public or expert review.

10 And I just have to -- I have to go back for a
11 moment to the 65, 45 that's discussed regularly. They
12 reference a DEC guideline that talks about 65, 45. They
13 haven't talked about the rest of the part of that study.
14 They talk about that being in suburban environments. They
15 talk about needing to look at it separately for rural
16 environments, and to look at changes of ten decibel levels
17 difference as being meaningful and significant in terms of
18 its impact.

19 There's also a reference regularly for those that
20 have been part of this to Luther Forest of Malta and saying
21 that they're creating the same type of sound environment
22 that they had there. They also include low frequency noise
23 evaluation and they put controls into place, so it's not
24 exactly the same as either of those things.

25 Finally -- I'm sorry. A financial package cannot

1 be responsibly approved until these underlying application
2 pieces are completed and the information disclosed that we
3 can comment on it.

4 Finally, I want to address a question that
5 residents like me often hear. Why didn't you speak up
6 sooner? Aside from the fact that we have, the truth is
7 simple. We didn't move next to an industrial zone. We
8 didn't buy next to a data center. We didn't choose our
9 property at an intersection or reasonably anticipate that
10 anyone proposed that three local driveways would be put into
11 a roundabout and taken as a not significant impact.

12 We moved here 23 years ago, and we stayed because
13 we love this place. We're not reacting to change or
14 development. We're reacting to a betrayal of the original
15 promises to this community.

16 **MR. MASSE:** On deck will be Sandy Steele.

17 **VANCE WYDER:** (Speaking Native American.) That's
18 just a little bit of our language. Okay? And thank you all
19 for coming here, my brothers and sisters, to speak. And I'm
20 going to speak too. Okay? What I have to say is this. I
21 live down here on the corner of Judge and Crosby. This is
22 going to impact me right away.

23 I called down to Texas because I talked to Cheryl
24 and her husband yesterday over the phone. I have some
25 relatives that live there. They live in Burlington.

1 They're doing a lot of construction. He's a roofer. He's
2 worked with one guy to ten years. They hired 30 people to
3 do some work on their houses, put roofs on. At the end of
4 the week they had ten people left. Boss couldn't figure out
5 as to why.

6 Then they went to the doctors. When they came
7 back, they told them they couldn't work for them no more.
8 And he said my doctor says I can't. Those people had bloody
9 noses, they had hurt ears. Their blood level was low.
10 Their blood pressure was high, and their legs were hurting
11 because of the circulation -- lack of circulation of their
12 own blood in their own body.

13 So I start to believe in regards to what Cheryl
14 said. I live close enough to that mark. That's going to
15 affect me, because I have a pacemaker. I don't know how
16 many people in the Town of Alabama have pacemakers. I don't
17 know how many people in the Town of Alabama have had heart
18 attacks. I don't know how many people have diabetes. But I
19 know it's going to affect us. It's a health thing.

20 I'm surprised that you guys would allow something
21 like that to come into our town and basically kill our
22 people for the money aspect. And the worst thing about this
23 is that most of Alabama has a lot of retired people. We've
24 lived here all our lives. We love this place. It's quiet.
25 It's peaceful. And everybody likes to be here. We grew up

1 here. We have friends here. That's going to stop as soon
2 as you bring that in there because a lot of people are going
3 to move. Now as you, the GCEDC trying to promote jobs, you
4 may do so, but it's going to be a whole new crowd. And
5 those people might not stay either. Thank you very much.

6 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Sandy. Three minutes,
7 please.

8 **SANDY STEELE:** My husband says I got at least 20.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Three minutes, please.

10 **SANDY STEELE:** All right. I want to tell my part
11 in stories instead of all these facts. I'm getting kind of
12 tired of the facts. I bet you are. In 2013 my husband
13 retired. I won't tell you what from, but -- so we went out
14 west. We ended up in Dakota land. And there were three
15 women that I talked to. Okay? One that I sat down and she
16 told me her whole story about being taken away from her
17 home. Her home. Got that? And put into a school, but she
18 survived.

19 The second woman that I talked to -- I like talking
20 to people, can you notice? So she told me the story -- and
21 her daughter was a social worker. Says, mom, don't get all
22 excited. She told me the story that she was taken by
23 American people, white men, and put in a school. There she
24 learned that she couldn't talk her language. When she got
25 older and left and got married, it was the first time that

1 she said a word. That she talked at all.

2 The third woman was 94 years old, so today I'm sure
3 she's not living. That woman wouldn't say anything. Okay?
4 This is what we're doing to people in America, not just
5 Native Americans. We're doing it to people from other
6 countries because they're different than us or they don't
7 have a little piece of paper or we want to kill them, maybe?

8 We put them in concentration camps. These people
9 here have prevented this information to come out for a
10 while. They've dodged, they've told lies a little, they did
11 their little deceit thing. They're not terrible, terrible
12 people. Okay? They're not terrible. None of these people
13 are terrible people, but they have to wake up to the fact
14 that America is changing. We're changing in a way that you
15 don't really want to know the things that I've heard and
16 seen. But I'll tell you another story.

17 **MR. WALTERS:** That is your time. If you would be
18 so kind, perhaps we can come back at the end. Could we come
19 back at the end?

20 **DAVE STEELE:** Let her take my time.

21 **SANDY STEELE:** Here's another story. We went to
22 the refuge yesterday, my husband and I. We walked down with
23 our dogs, and the geese were honking. But guess what they
24 did? They followed us and I called to them. And as we got
25 and turned around and came back, they followed us again.

1 Here's another story. I was talking to some of the
2 guys that are workers, that have the signs up there because
3 they want to work. They want to work. We all want to work.
4 Don't you? You're not going to do this with AI that's going
5 to take shit away from us. Okay? So guess what I saw? An
6 eagle. Birds bring me messages. What does the message
7 tell? Tell the stories instead of all this facts and
8 figures, because facts and figures can lie. They can switch
9 things around.

10 All right. The third one. The men who work on the
11 data center, I got to talk to some of them. I like talking
12 to people. Okay? They're good people. They want good jobs
13 for their families, right? We want good -- a good life. We
14 want a life that is less stressful. Life's crazy in this
15 world. I'm going to tell you a story about that, and it's
16 Chris's story.

17 When Chris probably wasn't even -- I don't even
18 know if he was born yet. He lived around the corner from
19 me. I was nine or ten years old. So I heard from a
20 neighbor that his mom was doing really bad, and I had sent
21 up \$20. I didn't tell my mother. I gave it to that woman
22 that told me to bring it to Chris's mother.

23 That's what communities do. They don't do this to
24 each other. We don't hurt each other. We make agreements.
25 This is how we're going to change America. We're going to

1 change America by coming together and understanding each
2 other and moving forward, not backwards or not to some AI
3 robots.

4 **MR. WALTERS:** 20 seconds.

5 **SANDY STEELE:** About the animals. I'm wearing
6 these pants because of the animals. I'm wearing the shirt
7 for the land. Okay? But our president of the United States
8 is changing the EPA laws. What are they doing? They're
9 allowing hunters to go into dens and clean and kill the
10 mother bears and their babies. What kind of thing is that?
11 What kind of thing is that? What kind of thing is that?

12 **MR. MASSE:** Sandy, please. Thank you.

13 **SANDY STEELE:** I don't care what you think.

14 **MR. MASSE:** Sandy, there's a lot of people.
15 There's a lot of people.

16 **MR. WALTER:** People have left because they haven't
17 had the opportunity to talk. You can come back up at the
18 end.

19 **SANDY STEELE:** One more story.

20 **MR. WALTERS:** Please come back up at the end.

21 **MR. MASSE:** Sandy, thank you. William Maragliano.
22 And on deck, Amy Perry-Brock.

23 **WILLIAM MARAGLIANO:** Hello. My name is William
24 Maragliano. I live on Roberts Road, Alabama, so that would
25 make me a local. So that leaves me out for, I don't know,

1 the construction group and stuff like that. Any ways, yeah,
2 I don't know nothing about this, so I'm not really for this.
3 I live on -- I own 7.8 acres. I boarder Iroquois on all of
4 my property. So I like my eagles out in the backyard. I
5 don't want this. Don't need it. If I wanted that, I would
6 move to Greece or, you know, Rochester. I worked 35 years
7 at Kodak. I drove 45 miles each way to work. I didn't come
8 here for that. I just want my house, in my area left alone.

9 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck is Tom Iorizzo.

10 **AMY PERRY-BROCK:** I'm going to tell you I would
11 rather be anywhere but here right now. I am tired. I am
12 hungry. And look what you did. Look what you did. All
13 these people are here because they care about where they
14 live.

15 I've been here for five years. Let me tell you
16 something. I'm 55 years old, and this is the first time
17 I've felt home. I love it here. It's beautiful here. It's
18 peaceful here. There's not the trappings of the big city,
19 there's not the pollution, there's not the noise, there's
20 not the bullshit. But now it's being told that we got to
21 just to accept it. And I don't know about anybody else in
22 this room, but I think the rest of the average people are
23 really getting tired of the few people at the top telling us
24 to be quiet and accept the quality of life that they want to
25 throw our way.

1 As far as -- my God. Construction workers, we feel
2 for you. We all want good paying jobs. We all want to
3 work, but not at the expense of hurting our neighbors,
4 hurting our communities. And that bleeding heart. Oh, my
5 job. We're all trying to survive in this. We get you. We
6 hear you. But don't build this crap here. Don't do it to
7 us. And it's going to keep a few of you on board for a
8 couple of years maybe max. There's going to be -- you're
9 going to take turns. It's not like all of you are going to
10 be there at once for five solid straight years and put your
11 kids to college. It's one project for you. It's our lives.

12 I'm going to -- I was really disappointed when you
13 said read the room, because, honey, this has been on my
14 sheet since I got here. Read the room. Your community is
15 begging you to hear them. You're supposed to be
16 representing us. You're not talking about putting another
17 Walmart in that would actually employ people. You're
18 talking about something that is going to destroy us.

19 And I know you don't care about the environment and
20 the eagles and all the cute stuff we keep telling you about,
21 but those eagles are broadcast on YouTube around the globe.
22 You want to have the globe see why they're not there
23 anymore? Or why the migratory birds are all gone? Or why
24 the people of this community are now suddenly fleeing? What
25 business are going to come here when there is no more water

1 or electricity after this? You better hope this data center
2 stays here for the entire 30 years that you're banking on.

3 And as far as the rest of this room, I'm going to
4 tell you, please, look at us. We're your community. We're
5 your neighbors. We're the people that you're going to run
6 into on the streets. And you have to live with a decision
7 that you're making for all of us. Don't let us down. And
8 as far as this community here, I do consider you my
9 neighbors even if I've only known you for five years or not
10 at all.

11 And I thank each and every single one of you for
12 coming up here and saying how you feel and putting your
13 hearts on the line for a place you call home. Thank you.

14 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is John Keevert.

15 **TOM IORIZZO:** Good evening. My name is Tom
16 Iorizzo. I-O-R-I-Z-Z-O. I live in Batavia. I am local. I
17 represent the Carpenters Union, as does Jerry and Jeff in
18 the room. We represent 2,700 members. The 2,000 active
19 members would have been here tonight but they're all
20 working.

21 I am here to support strongly the proposed STREAM
22 Data Center project. And why do I say that? From my
23 experience on large scale construction projects across the
24 region, developments of this type can significantly benefit
25 the community when they're well planned, built on strong

1 labor standards, projects that incorporate prevailing wage
2 requirements, local hiring, apprenticeship opportunities put
3 to work and family sustaining careers while helping to
4 ensure a higher quality of life and safe construction.

5 On the recent Genesee County project that this
6 committee approved with similar local hire commitments,
7 allowed the local carpenters union, Local 276, to employ
8 newly hired 200 local workers. Tomorrow's payday. They'd
9 like to thank you for the paycheck and benefits that they'll
10 get tomorrow from last week and for the rest of the year
11 that they'll be here. Two year project. Most of those
12 people, if this project is moving forward, will take them
13 from there to here.

14 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Put it in your backyard.

15 **TOM IORIZZO:** It is in my backyard. So the STREAM
16 Data Center project is expected to be constructed over five
17 years, I believe, providing sustained opportunities to train
18 and employ local workers in coordination with area schools,
19 BOCES programs, workforce development partners.

20 This approach supports thoughtful planning,
21 minimizes short-term disruption, delivers lasting community
22 values. Coordination among multiple trade unions will
23 further promote safety, accountability and compliance with
24 equitable local, state and environmental standards.

25 I spoke in favor of this project March 19th at the

1 public hearing, and I remain fully supportive of the project
2 obviously. And while I respect the differing viewpoints, I
3 believe this proposal reflects a responsible investment that
4 balances the economic opportunity with the community
5 stability and strong union labor standards. Thank you for
6 the opportunity to submit this comment. Thank you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Jim Joyner.

8 **JOHN KEEVERT:** I am John Keevert. K-E-E-V-E-R-T.
9 I live in Rochester. I'm the co-chair of the Environmental
10 Justice Ministry of First Unitarian Church in Rochester and
11 a member of (inaudible) Committee of Rochester Interfaith
12 Climate Action. Both are member organizations of New York
13 Renews, which is a statewide colation of 400 climate labor
14 and youth business and community groups, and the force
15 behind the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act,
16 CLCPA.

17 The revised STAMP state environmental quality
18 review development application acknowledges that Project
19 Double Reed, since it's tracked, has been designated as a
20 disadvantaged community by the Climate Justice Working
21 Group. This subjects the project to review under the CLCPA
22 per Section 7-3 of the law, which considering permits and
23 other approvals, all state agencies shall not
24 disproportionately burden disadvantaged communities.

25 I think it is realistic that the Tonawanda Seneca

1 Nation, which lies within this disadvantaged community,
2 fears STREAM's proposed data center could harm the old
3 growth forest they rely on for medicinal plants and hunting
4 primarily due to 24/7 lights and noise emitted from the
5 facility, especially during construction or when the backup
6 diesel generators are running.

7 The project could also diminish local water bodies,
8 like Oak Orchard Creek or Tonawanda Creek. These are some
9 of the costs that the state environmental quality review
10 omitted in their cost benefit analysis. Likewise, the
11 applied economic clinic analysis said the 6,000 temporary
12 jobs STREAM expects seems greatly exaggerated relative to
13 similar data center projects.

14 With inadequate documentation presented for
15 STREAM's cost benefit analysis, it is really unclear whether
16 the cost benefit is positive or negative. We demand that
17 GCEDC issue a positive declaration for STREAM U.S. Data
18 Centers SEQR application that complies with recommendations
19 for New York DEC.

20 To do this, you must conduct a new supplemental
21 Environmental Impact Statement for the entire STAMP site,
22 including the data center, and taking into account the new
23 laws and changes to the plans since 2012. They must also
24 conduct a SEQR that includes detailed construction impact
25 analysis and detailed operations impact analysis. SEQR

1 should also incorporate a review of cultural and
2 environmental justice impacts on the Tonawanda Seneca
3 Nation.

4 Communities all over the US are rising in
5 opposition to massive data centers. The responses at this
6 and the previous hearing show that this community strongly
7 opposes a hyper scale generative AI data center in its
8 midst. We call on GCEDC to reject the incentives
9 application from STREAM U.S. Data Centers.

10 I reserve the right to submit further comments on
11 the April 6th large revised SEQR application and related
12 materials once I have reviewed and analyzed these materials
13 in order to fully assess the STREAM project's impact. Thank
14 you.

15 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Marianne Malaro.

16 **JIM JOYNER:** My name is Jim Joyner. I've been a
17 resident of Alabama for about 35 years. I'm strongly
18 opposed to this but everything everybody said. And I wasn't
19 going to speak tonight, but I noticed today an \$80,000
20 donation was made to Oakfield-Alabama schools. And
21 previously, before the last meeting, they gave \$50,000
22 donation. I don't think it's a donation. It's more like
23 bribery. They're trying to get people's support by throwing
24 money at them, and that's unethical. You know, I mean,
25 you're trying to buy their support. If you're really

1 interested in helping the community, why don't you forget
2 about the tax and power incentives. You've got so much
3 money to throw around, pay your full share, pay your taxes
4 just like everybody else does here. You need the
5 incentives? Doesn't make sense, especially when you make
6 donations like this like it's pennies. I think that would
7 be more a impressive move. Forget the incentives or don't
8 come here. That's it.

9 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Nate Buckley.

10 **MARIANNE MALARO:** Hi. I'm Marianne Malaro. 44
11 years here in the Town of Alabama. I live on Ham Road, so
12 the waste water line will be coming down my road. So first
13 thing I wanted to say is that my husband is on dialysis, and
14 they have closed two dialysis centers. They closed the one
15 in Medina and they're closing the one in Batavia. So you
16 might want to look into fixing something there. They're
17 down to three shifts, and they're real shorthanded. He's
18 been on for four years.

19 So this is actually for Mr. Suozzi. Your
20 presentation was almost worded the exact same way as 20
21 years ago. Your pictures -- your computer project lack
22 three things. Residential area, 20,000 acre wildlife refuge
23 in a Native American territory. In 2005 my son was 16 years
24 old when GCEDC promised jobs here in the Town of Alabama, so
25 he wouldn't have to travel to Buffalo or Rochester. My son

1 doesn't live in New York State anymore.

2 I keep going to these meetings and GCEDC keeps
3 going back and forth to the questionnaire that came out with
4 68 percent approval for the STAMP project. A large number
5 of the people have passed away and others have changed their
6 mind over the years. In this room, you might not see all of
7 the 32 percent that have opposed the project back in 2010.
8 But take a good look, these are all young people here. They
9 were in grade school when this started. These young people
10 have more knowledge than we did, including myself, back
11 then, 20 years ago.

12 This is no longer the Town of Alabama's fight.
13 This is bigger than that. The Town of Alabama will become a
14 cash cow for the GLOW region. My question, and it's a
15 serious question, when do I sell my home? We can no longer
16 live here. My husband's health insurance is very high for
17 its deductible. We have high taxes. It's just not
18 affordable to live here anymore. And it is sad, because we
19 came here for a reason. It's beautiful out here.

20 I don't know what to say. This is -- I don't even
21 understand how you can even think of coming out here. It's
22 just -- I just don't get it, but thank you.

23 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Shontae Buckley.

24 **NATE BUCKLEY:** How you doing? My name is Nate
25 Buckley. I did this same comment more or less about a month

1 ago when you guys did this presentation before, and we all
2 came out. I'll just say, you're trying to propose a lot of
3 things and you can't even videotape it right and you had to
4 redo this thing. I just find that to be really pathetic.

5 I mean, it just is. I worked all day. I had to
6 come out here again because I care about this. Again, I
7 don't think this is a democracy. I think this is a circus.
8 It's window dressing. It's a pressure release valve for
9 everyone to say I came here when you guys had the thing
10 about the DEC with the endangered animals, and every single
11 person said no and you said yes.

12 And, you know, I was raised right, so when I hear
13 no, I take that as a no. That's how my mom taught me. But
14 Epstein and all his little billionaire friends, when they
15 hear no, it's like you can just be quiet here in this room
16 and you can just hear take, take, take, take, more, more,
17 more. And that's all it is. And the billionaires are not
18 here. And everyone says, oh, it's national interest, it's
19 community interest. I don't share a bank account with this
20 guy. You guys don't share a bank account with this guy.
21 Like, their pockets are going to get massive and everyone
22 else is going to just foot the bill.

23 And that's why you want 1.4 billion dollars for
24 another billionaire, and people are having a hard time
25 putting foot on the table. And for what? You're not going

1 to make any jobs. You're talking about some two year job.
2 It's going to be here for a lifetime. It's going to destroy
3 the indigenous people's home. It's going to destroy
4 everybody else's homes and values. It's just wild.

5 And so Hanödaga•nyas is the Haudenosaunee name for
6 the first president, George Washington, because he sent
7 genocidal troops to destroy people. He burnt villages. And
8 some people say that that word is town destroyer, but it's
9 also known as like a rabid dog that just bites and bites
10 away at the flesh that won't stop. And that's what this is.
11 It's the same thing over and over. And you look at what has
12 happened to this land since indigenous people have had
13 genocide committed upon them. I mean, this is a
14 continuation of that genocide.

15 And these AI places, they're not just -- they're
16 nefarious. Like, when you look at Iran and over the
17 hundreds of young women who were murdered, that was an AI
18 center. That was a mistake. That was an AI center that
19 sent them over there. That's what this stuff is being used
20 for, for, like, nude pictures like the woman said earlier
21 and for stuff like that. And for what? We don't need it.

22 And, yeah, I don't want rape. I don't want murder.
23 I don't want destruction. I don't want theft. Those are
24 the type of things my mother taught me not to do. And it's
25 so -- yeah. When everybody says no and you continue to do

1 that, that's -- and you're buddies with Epstein, like,
2 that's rape and -- any way, yeah.

3 I completely disagree with entire thing. I don't
4 understand why we had to come out here again. And I also
5 will say that last time this place was doubly packed, and
6 that was three minutes too. But this place was doubly
7 packed. And I just think it was almost like a ploy. And I
8 watched your video last time about, like -- if you came in
9 here open minded, you wouldn't have a promo video for it. I
10 mean, that's just --

11 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Sarah Howard on deck.

12 **SHONTAE BUCKLEY:** So I won't ever do as good as
13 him, but I'm here. My name is Shontae Buckley. I'm here
14 representing our children and future generations. And also
15 this, like, union shit of like you don't -- Amazon doesn't
16 believe in unions, Google doesn't believe in unions. How do
17 you know these are going to have jobs? That's crazy.

18 I'm here because of the impacts for children of the
19 Alabama County, the Tonawanda Senecas and all future
20 generations. I oppose this data center and the 1.4 billion
21 dollar tax abatement. I work at a climate network. You're
22 not getting that water back. Like, water depletion is one
23 of the reasons of, like, living in Western New York. It's
24 because we live on 20 percent of the world's freshest water
25 on the Great Lakes. This water was destroyed, it's been

1 cleaned, it's been destroyed. You can't continue to do
2 that.

3 And these data centers -- like, someone was saying,
4 like, they take the water and they boil it and then they're
5 going to give it to the community. It's like if the data
6 center won't reuse the water, why would you give it to the
7 community to drink and use the water? It's crazy.

8 Yeah, I vote no. And just listen to your
9 neighbors. Listen to the people who are in this community.
10 Listen to -- yeah. Just that's all you have to do.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Evelyn Wackett is on deck.

12 **SARAH HOWARD:** Hello. My name is Sarah Howard. I
13 live in Syracuse, but I'm grateful to work here in this
14 beautiful place as environmental consultant to the Tonawanda
15 Seneca Nation. And tonight I am honored to read part of the
16 Nation's comments, its preliminary comments, on STREAM's
17 SEQR and financial incentives application. Get excited.
18 It's 27 pages and it's extensively footnoted.

19 In the mid 1800s, land speculators attempted to
20 take by fraudulent treaty the entire territory of this
21 Tonawanda Seneca Nation, which has been confirmed to the
22 Nation by federal law decades earlier. The STAMP site
23 occupies a portion of those lands. The importance of this
24 land, which sits next to our federally protected reservation
25 territory, has not changed to us simply because we are no

1 longer considered to own it. This land is part of our
2 ancestral territory and a source of responsibility for our
3 people who must do whatever they can to protect it. We
4 believe we have a moral duty to this land, both for our
5 ancestors who came before us and for future generations to
6 come. We reject the idea that this land should be
7 sacrificed for profit and that the significant environmental
8 and cultural impacts of a data center at STAMP should be
9 accepted. On April 8th the Nation discovered a revised SEQR
10 application dated April 6th was posted to GCEDC's website.
11 The application and associated information appeared to
12 comprise over 200 pages of new information that must be
13 carefully reviewed and analyzed. Moreover, also on April
14 6th, DEC informed STREAM's consultants, Ramboll, that its
15 application for an air state facility permit, necessary for
16 the data centers complex operations, would be subject to the
17 Environmental Justice Citing Law. Climate Community --
18 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and
19 Commissioners Policy on Environmental Justice, which
20 requires enhanced public participation measures, including
21 measures specific to the Nation. In addition to information
22 just recently received and not yet fully analyzed by the
23 Nation, foundational information needed for assessment of
24 impacts from STREAM's facility and previously requested by
25 the Nation months ago is still missing. Under these

1 circumstances and for all these reasons, the Nation reserves
2 the right to submit further comments on the April 6th
3 revised SEQR application and related materials once the
4 Nation has reviewed and analyzed these materials and all
5 additional materials required in order to assess the
6 STREAM's projects -- the STREAM project impact. Even given
7 these gaps and the questionable and internally contradictory
8 information on the project provided thus far, the data
9 center project creates a numbers of serious concerns for the
10 Nation and require further review in order to fulfill SEQR's
11 requirements. These include but are not limited to the
12 following -- thank you. And now I'm going to invite my
13 friend Eve Wackett to continue.

14 **MR. MASSE:** On deck is Melissa Smith.

15 **EVELYN WACKETT:** Okay. My name is Eve Wackett.
16 Evelyn Wackett. I live in Buffalo, New York. My friends
17 call me Eve. And I don't know if you guys are my friends or
18 not, but obviously not listening.

19 Noise. The Nation incorporates, by reference, the
20 report of (inaudible) Bloomberg which raises key technical
21 deficiencies with STREAM's acoustic modeling and points out
22 flaws and inconsistencies in plans for noise mitigation.
23 The issues raised by Mr. Bloomberg must be addressed prior
24 to completion of SEQR review as new issues specific to the
25 Nation, which should be considered both as part of the SEQR

1 review and the EI -- or EJSL analysis for the project.
2 Excessive noise exposure such as that created by the
3 constant humming or buzzing from data centers causes a range
4 of health harms, including headaches, stress, sleep,
5 disturbance. It can also harm other species. In more
6 extreme cases noise pollution can cause tinnitus -- which I
7 have 24/7 -- migraines, vertigo and hearing loss. Despite
8 these well documented impacts from low frequency noise
9 emitted by data centers, STREAM's SEQR application takes a
10 position that low frequency noise need not be studied
11 stating simply that its acoustic study does not incorporate
12 DBC or C-weighted metrics for this specific evaluation,
13 because our compliance progress remains focused on the
14 A-weighted criteria defined by the governing body. Analysis
15 of noise impacts from Double Reed however must include
16 assessment of low frequency noise. And what about
17 vibration? We can't hear the vibration, but the owl
18 definitely feels the vibration. Any nest on the ground.
19 Likewise, STREAM's noise analysis submission fails to
20 consider noise impact on Nation cultural practices,
21 including but not limited to hunting and ceremonies. This
22 is true despite the fact the Nation first raised concerns
23 about noise impacts on cultural practices with GCEDC ten
24 years ago and raised these concerns specifically in relation
25 to STREAM's first data center proposal in 2025. Even after

1 four iterations of plans for a data center project with
2 STAMP and a year and a half full of planning, STREAM's site
3 plans for Double Reed remain speculative and conceptual as
4 to how exactly noise mitigation will work. You can't
5 mitigate the noise in the ground.

6 **MR. WALTERS:** 30 seconds.

7 **EVELYN WACKETT:** The April 6th site plan states the
8 ground level sound screen wall surrounding the buildings
9 rooftop screening walls, surrounding the chillers units have
10 not yet been designed and will be designed by others, while
11 the acoustics technical summary states that rooftop screens
12 will be 18 feet high and ground walls 20 feet high. That
13 doesn't look good in the refuge. Variously, the acoustic
14 analysis states that each building will have 60 chillers for
15 a total of 180 or that will be there -- will be 66 chillers
16 per building positioned on platforms 12 feet above roof
17 level suggesting that rooftop screens may not even reach as
18 high as the chiller.

19 And to say my own comments. My shirt says respect
20 the locals, because these are your locals. Respect these
21 people. Respect the Tonawanda Seneca Nation. Thank you.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. And again, we did receive a
23 full copy of the letter. We do have it. It is an official
24 part of the record. So on deck will be Jennifer Durham

25 **MELISSA SMITH:** Okay. You know, you guys never

1 tell us who you guys are. Like, who are you?

2 **MR. WALTER:** Adam Walter.

3 **MELISSA SMITH:** And you're what in this?

4 **MR. WALTER:** I am an attorney for the GCEDC.

5 **MELISSA SMITH:** And you, behind him.

6 **MR. MAIER:** Steve Maier.

7 **MELISSA SMITH:** And you're what?

8 **MR. MAIER:** I'm an attorney for the GCEDC as well.

9 **MELISSA SMITH:** Okay. And you?

10 **MR. KRENCIK:** Jim Krencik. I work at the GCEDC.

11 **MELISSA SMITH:** Okay. And you're video. Okay.

12 Okay. We don't want to know about Suozzi. Okay. But,
13 yeah, because we never get introduced to you. We just come
14 in and give us all our information over and over and over
15 every time. I feel like -- because I'm a big mouth, and I
16 know I am. I'm a big mouth, and I feel like you guys might
17 disappear me at some point. You lie. I believe you like I
18 believe all this other stuff.

19 So, my name is Melissa Smith. I live down on 782
20 Judge Road. Not far from the Crosby Road. Not far from Rob
21 Crossen, your town supervisor, who I guess doesn't give a
22 darn about his ancestors or what's to come, because maybe
23 he's going to move out. Because that's what I saw on a
24 video today from STREAM Data Centers that moved out a whole
25 town in Illinois. Did y'all see the video? All right. Did

1 you see the video?

2 **MR. WALTER:** No, ma'am.

3 **MELISSA SMITH:** Why didn't you? You're hiring
4 these people. And it's a whole where they bought off
5 everybody, cleared out a town and then tore it apart. So,
6 yeah, that's who we got coming next to the reservation.

7 Secondly, I started this wrong, because I wanted to
8 say that I'm a clan person. I live on the Nation. I'm not
9 a leader. I'm a resident there. And I love that Nation and
10 I believe in our -- what we have always worked hard for.
11 And before this chair I was a trauma nurse at Erie County
12 Medical Center. So you can think how disadvantaged I am,
13 but I'm very well educated. So there.

14 And I'm telling you right now that you need to --
15 if you're going to make a deal on any of unseated Tonawanda
16 Seneca territory, you need to come to the State of New York
17 and start there. And then send the state to the Nation,
18 because we only negotiate nation to nation. And because
19 now -- now you have shown how disrespectful you have been to
20 that land that you're stewards of in all these 20 years.

21 You don't get to decide anymore what happens over
22 there because we want that land back. And that's the only
23 way you come out looking good on this side of the situation.
24 Give us that land back, and then make a Apollo, who is going
25 under anyway, give us a billion dollars. We've got ideas

1 too for stuff over there.

2 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Jennifer Durham. On deck
3 we'll have Mary Jo McConnell.

4 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** So before you start timing me I
5 would just like to say that, number one, I'm super
6 disappointed not in the fact that -- so I want to say,
7 number one, I'm super excited to see how many people showed
8 up tonight. And I appreciate everybody's bravery, because
9 it's not easy to step outside of your comfort zone, me
10 included. I don't like this.

11 Here's what I am going to say. I feel that we were
12 set up tonight to not show the true example of the
13 outpouring of support that we had at the last meeting. We
14 had many more community members last time. You did us a
15 disservice by not having the recording. Everybody in this
16 community knows darn well who has been here for an event
17 meeting after meeting after meeting that the Wi-Fi here
18 sucks, even with a tower in the backyard. Okay.

19 You did us a disservice. If you think somebody is
20 going to sit down, unfortunately, and read the 200 pages
21 that this poor girl's fingers almost fell off for, you got
22 another thought. Period. That's all I'm going to say. And
23 you standing up tonight and coming up towards people is
24 very -- are you trying to intimidate? Because that's how it
25 feels. I don't like it, so please don't do it when I'm up

1 here.

2 **MR. WALTERS:** If you have something to submit, I'm
3 happy to take it.

4 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** I've got a whole paper. Trust
5 me. I've got this. You can start me now. So my name is
6 Jennifer Durham. I live in Basom. Contrary to Mr. -- I
7 don't know where he went. He must have left. But I've been
8 up since 4:30 this morning. I do work and I have a union
9 position. So his insinuation that we don't work to be here,
10 thank you.

11 So moving forward. I live down the road. I'm
12 three miles from the proposed center, and I demand that the
13 GCEDC follow all of the New York State DEC's recommendations
14 with respect to the SEQR environmental review process. My
15 concerns are related to the Oak Orchard watershed and the
16 damage which would arise from the heavy construction and the
17 vast impervious surfaces that would be placed on the STREAM
18 Data Center sites. Which, as we know, will cover 90 acres
19 of permanent development. And contrary to what your little
20 show said earlier, it's 2.2 million square foot campus, not
21 336 for each one. Because if we do the math, that's not 2.2
22 million. Okay?

23 So covering such a vast amount of land on and next
24 to the refuge and Oak Orchard Creek's hundreds of
25 tributaries will cause flooding that will damage the

1 livelihoods of the residents of the Nation. Residents who
2 live near the creek, the native plants, the animals, along
3 with the migratory species who live and travel into our
4 beautiful land.

5 Once construction begins, natural ground coverage
6 will be removed. This ground coverage slows the rates of
7 runoff without the storm -- or yeah. Without it storm
8 waters will flow faster with causing massive erosion, which
9 can cause ditches, streams and of course the wetlands and
10 marshes. With major flooding and erosion, this will bring
11 loss of habitat, food sources, drinking water contamination,
12 loss of wildlife and carry pollutants and non-native plants
13 and species to different areas.

14 In watersheds where wetlands have been lost, flood
15 peaks can increase up to 80 percent. That's huge. The
16 refuge already floods every spring. We just had it. It
17 almost crossed the road. We all know that. The Oak Orchard
18 Creek. HU12, per page 27 of the SEQR application on the
19 development of the disadvantaged community's burden
20 assessment, states that the 90 acres associated with the
21 development represents only 0.4 percent of the entire HU12
22 watershed and will have a negligible effect on the water
23 quality.

24 Yet, if you look at the EPA water body report under
25 the Clean Water Act, Section 303D, with the Oak Orchard it's

1 already listed as an impaired or threatened body of water.
2 That was when it was reported in 2022. And I'm sure the
3 spill of 700 gallons of drilling oil in 2023 wouldn't help
4 the health of the watershed. Just saying. You can hold
5 that as much you like. I got another paragraph.

6 With the already fragile upper Oak Orchard and its
7 tributaries, how can we sit idly by and await another
8 environmental accident at the hands of the GCEDC and the
9 board planning? I am concerned that with the rush to get
10 this project passed the ground -- getting the ground broken,
11 along with the other poor practices thus far by GCEDC at
12 this point in the STAMP project, that it's not just a
13 possibility but an inevitable in my mind because of what
14 we've already seen and witnessed.

15 On the permit for the revocation later for the --
16 letter for the horizontal drilling permit through the swamp
17 from the national wildlife refuge system, it states that the
18 April 15th, 2024, submission you were shifting to open
19 trenching as a construction method which is specifically
20 prohibited in Paragraph 9 of the August 2021 right-of-way
21 permit. Thought that was interesting too.

22 So which -- you know, this is, you know, right
23 along where the spill was, and this also led to why that
24 permit was terminated. So it's not surprising that the
25 GCEDC did not submit complete information to the US Fish and

1 Wildlife Services as requested multiple times. And it's
2 still the same here because they're not forth coming about
3 the job projections, the taxes, the benefits to the
4 community. You weren't open about the spills when it
5 occurred or that they had already started digging instead of
6 only performing horizontal drilling. You know, not
7 including, you know, processing FOIL requests that have been
8 submitted time after time. You know, the no true cost
9 benefit analysis. And, you know, just showing a pattern of
10 not being transparent.

11 You know, the list goes on. I know I've got three
12 minutes, and I might have went over by one. But, you know,
13 it's okay. I'll submit it. Don't worry. So the GCEDC has
14 not been a good steward of the land, the Nation and its
15 neighboring communities. STREAM is going to follow in their
16 footsteps if we don't say no to this data center. We
17 absolutely need and deserve to have an independent updated
18 Environmental Impact Study and an SEIS.

19 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Mary Jo McConnell. No?
20 Richard Beatty? After Richard Beatty, RaeAnn Engler.

21 **RICHARD BEATTY:** My name is Richard Beatty, AKA the
22 frog. I live in Batavia. My mother was always saying, God
23 you're a cut up. And I am. I'm a cut up. But this is
24 serious business. And I've been studying things. Believe
25 it or not, I've been studying the financial -- application

1 financial system for about the last month. Two months,
2 actually. And I really focused in on this one line. It's a
3 check box. Like, you have all those things when you're
4 buying something. You got to check I agree with that, I
5 agree with that, I agree with that.

6 Well, there's one that says financial assistance
7 necessary. The applicant represents that the project would
8 not likely occur without the financial assistance provided
9 by the agency, GCEDC. You guys know that, right? All
10 right. On February 26th Plug Power announced it had an
11 agreement with STREAM Data Center to sell all their holdings
12 at STAMP project for a reported 142 million dollars. So
13 land speculators, just like the old days at the Holland Land
14 Company.

15 So they ponied up. They haven't ponied up yet.
16 That's the trick. All right. The very next day Mark Masse
17 is interviewed by Howard Owens at the Batavian. And I'll
18 just cut down to the chase. According to their PILOT
19 agreement, the property tax payments and host agreement
20 payments were due and owed beginning in January 2023.
21 Although they had not yet completed construction on their
22 facility, Plug began paying those payments in January of
23 2023 as required by their agreements.

24 In fact, Plug has and continues to make all of its
25 required payments under those property tax agreements for a

1 total amount to be paid today of 4.9 million dollars to
2 town, county and school districts. All right. So, five
3 days later the GDLDC -- I love all these acronyms. Are they
4 acronyms? They're something like that. Audit and finance
5 committee meeting. These folks are all part of the GCEDC
6 team, if you will. Mr. Masse, I believe you were weren't
7 present at that meeting.

8 Well, this is from their minutes, which thank you
9 for posting them. And anybody can read them. We really
10 can. The committee says, the agreement called for payments
11 of \$900,228 annually beginning in January of 2023 and going
12 out until January of 2042. Plug paid the '23 and '24
13 payments. I've put it in bold. '25 and '26 payments are
14 still outstanding. Plug has requested that the '25 and '26
15 payments be forgiven along with any penalties and interest
16 that the agreement be terminated.

17 I don't know. Maybe this is wrong, but I'm just
18 reading what the committee said. This would be contingent
19 upon the proposed sale of their property at STAMP going to
20 closing. The committee recommended, the full board,
21 forgiveness of the outstanding balance and termination of
22 the host community investment agreement with Plug Power
23 Incorporated contingent upon their sale of STAMP assets.
24 The committee motioned to table this item for discussion at
25 the full board meeting on March 5th. The motion was

1 unanimously approved by the committee. You were there.

2 At March 5th full board meeting, I looked at the
3 minutes, not a single thing mentioned about Plug Power, top
4 to bottom. I did a search on it. All right. March 26th,
5 when you had a couple of frogs outside the window at your
6 full board meeting, the minutes does not mention Plug Power
7 again. So why is that? I'd really like to know the answer.

8 I'm wondering if GCEDC was trying not to mention
9 anything about the 142 million dollar sale agreement between
10 STREAM and Plug Power, because it might cause someone to
11 say, wait a minute, why are we being asked to underwrite
12 STREAM with oodles of cash benefits, even though we're not
13 giving them cash. We're giving them incentive, yes.
14 Obviously STREAM is backed by Apollo Global Management,
15 which adds even more billions of dollars. I'd like to know
16 exactly why you're muddling that whole thing.

17 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

18 **RICHARD BEATTY:** Wait. I have one closing
19 statement. Everybody else got 30 seconds more. I want 30
20 seconds more. Right? This is only about 30 seconds,
21 please. All right.

22 Before the landmark Big Tree agreement way back in
23 1797, Red Jacket is reported to have made another one of his
24 nativist speeches. You white people have a great prayer
25 about religion. You say you have a book of laws and rules

1 which was given to you by the great spirit, but is it true?
2 Was it written by his own hand and given to you? No, it was
3 written by your own people. They do it to deceive you.
4 Their whole wish is centered here. All they want is the
5 money. Thank you very much.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Dega, you're on deck after RaeAnn.

7 **RAEANN ENGLER:** Hi. My name is RaeAnn Engler.
8 E-N-G-L-E-R. I live in Batavia, New York. I am here on my
9 behalf and also on the behalf of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation
10 who brought this whole project to my attention, and made me
11 realize what big mess it is. I'm also here for everybody
12 who is affected by data centers, because it is in a negative
13 way.

14 I would like to put the 1.4 billion dollar tax
15 abatement argument to rest, because granted, it's not money
16 in our pockets. What it is is the fact that they don't have
17 to put the money state and county coffers. So when they
18 don't put the money in the state and county coffers, the
19 rest of us take it out of our pockets to pay it. So we are
20 paying it. End of discussion there.

21 I'm appalled and dismayed by the idea of accepting
22 this proposed data center and the support I see for it from
23 those of you making this decision. The mission and vision
24 statement of the GCEDC indicate a goal of fostering local
25 economic growth, investment, development and job creation

1 for the benefit of and providing a high quality of life for
2 the residents and families. You suggest that you'll build
3 back local and regional manufacturing, and support the
4 continued growth and success of our local businesses across
5 Genesee County.

6 Your history shows otherwise. Your site posts 90
7 projects since 2008. 23 of them are solar farms. Our
8 landscape has been decimated, obliterating the production of
9 once beautiful scenery of our agricultural community. I've
10 spoken with board members of the GCEDC who have voiced
11 regret over allowing these solar farms to take hold,
12 realizing too late what a devastation they are to our
13 heritage and to our continued agricultural lifestyle.
14 Regrets don't mean much when nothing can be done to correct
15 bad decisions.

16 This leads to our current situation. Friends,
17 neighbors, community, responsibility, integrity, purpose.
18 You at the GCEDC are charged with the responsibility of
19 bringing development and building the economy of our county,
20 that builds the growth and success of our local businesses
21 leading to job growth and a higher quality of life for our
22 residents and our families. Among us all, you are friends,
23 neighbors, part of the community charged with the
24 responsibility to use your integrity for the purpose of
25 improving the community.

1 146 million dollars is extremely tempting to your
2 organization. That's where the integrity part comes into
3 play. The data center does not belong here. STREAM is
4 owned by Apollo Global Management, a nefarious private
5 equity firm owned and run by billionaires who want to make
6 fast and vast amounts of money by putting this behemoth
7 facility in our backyard, in the Seneca Nation's backyard so
8 that they don't have to denigrate their own backyard.

9 They prey on communities like ours who do have
10 financial struggles by offering to build a facility with a
11 15 year life expectancy, but leaving a devastating landscape
12 that we will be responsible for long into the future after
13 they leave. 2.2 million square feet, three 750,000 square
14 foot buildings, 52 feet high abutting a wildlife refuge.
15 The visual and audible pollution ruining the bucolic
16 surroundings of our natural land.

17 They want us to subsidize their project. 31
18 million subsidizing STREAM. 1.4 billion that is actually
19 subsidizing the occupants moving into the building. You
20 tell us that we cannot know who those occupants are. I say
21 we demand to know who wants 1.4 billion dollars from us.
22 What would permit that much of our money for a man behind a
23 curtain? We're paying attention and we don't want to pay
24 that money.

25 Mark Masse, this is not simply a warehouse. This

1 is a project that is in the business of taking our personal
2 information and creating a world where fewer jobs are
3 needed, making life exponentially difficult for not only
4 this community but for everyone, everywhere. You also say
5 that Apollo Global is merely the bank. That their back
6 story doesn't matter. This bank is the company. They are
7 the major stockholder. And their backstory is so jaded that
8 we don't want them anywhere near us.

9 There's tracking software to identify where
10 pedophiles live. The background of this company is quite
11 analogous. Their affiliations with Jeffrey Epstein and his
12 associates are suspect on a global level and prompted a
13 lawsuit against them by stockholders earlier this month
14 because current CEO Marc Rowan has been associated with
15 Epstein since the early 2000s.

16 In summary, I will conclude. We do not want this
17 data center in this county. And we damn sure don't want to
18 subsidize it. The message is from your friends, your
19 neighbors and your community.

20 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. On deck would be Valerie
21 Staats.

22 **DEGA:** (Speaking Native American.) He who thunders
23 I am called. I'm of the Wolf Clan people. I live on
24 Allegheny territory in Coldspring. Many people in this room
25 generally have an understanding of the value of life.

1 Preservation of life. I'm not too sure you guys are clear
2 on that understanding. It seems to me that we keep
3 presenting ourselves in opposition to this advancement when
4 clearly it's not anything that that's wanted here and it's
5 not anything that should be constructed anywhere regardless
6 of being here or not.

7 These data centers are a future of demise and
8 detriment. It's artificial. It's right in the freaking
9 name. Artificial. That's not real. That's make believe.
10 That's way out there. What we're talking about, what we're
11 bringing to you is an understanding of respect, to have --
12 would be natural being of the natural world. You're human
13 beings just as well as we are.

14 We would like to believe, and I ask you to prove
15 that to me by using your mind that was given to you by a
16 God, by creator, whatever you choose to call him. But he
17 gave you a brain to contemplate. And you being a lawyer
18 should know well beyond that. But you as a lawyer, too,
19 also know how to lie. You know how. You know the loopholes
20 of laws. You know how to manipulate that to the benefit of
21 your client. Why? Because he can pay you the money. And
22 the more they can pay you, the more you're going to put your
23 effort into that.

24 So these are understandings that are general. It's
25 just human nature. And we have to come to -- we have to --

1 I find that hard to even just contemplate, to even think
2 that to convince you guys of otherwise. I shouldn't have
3 to. This should not have to be an issue at all. We keep --
4 I keep facing these -- keep running to these oppositions and
5 stuff like that. And it's not anything that -- I'm going to
6 stop. Why? Because I'm standing up and I'm speaking for
7 those who do not have a voice. I'm standing up in defense
8 of our future and future generations. And I ask you all to
9 take that into consideration. Thank you.

10 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. We need to take another
11 very quick five minute break because we've got to switch
12 batteries in the camera again.

13 (Recess taken.)

14 **MR. MASSE:** I think we're going to get going again
15 here, if we could, please. So we'll -- I think Valerie
16 Staats. And then on deck is a Mary Pat O'Hara.

17 **VALERIE STAATS:** Greetings. My name is Valerie
18 Staats. That's S-T-A-A-T-S. I live in Amherst. I'm a
19 Mohawk from Six Nations in Canada originally, and I grew up
20 on the Tuscarora Reservation. Close by or near it. On it,
21 near it.

22 And I wasn't -- I wasn't planning on being here. I
23 have been reading, of course, about what's going on. I
24 feel, you know, very supportive for the Tonawanda Seneca
25 Nation for all of the reasons that have been stated here.

1 So I thought, well, what can I possibly -- you know, coming
2 here I started to feel moved to come here because I was
3 listening to a young person making some comments about some
4 of the difficulties we're facing today. And that young
5 person said they blamed my generation. And I'm 75. And
6 they were blaming Baby Boomers for all of the -- you know,
7 some of the issues -- lots of the issues that are happening.

8 And I said, well, how can you do that? Because,
9 you know, we were fighting against a war, we were fighting
10 for gay, lesbian support. There were a lot of things we
11 fought for. I still have my jeans with the peace sign on
12 it. And I said, so how is it that you see that? And they
13 said because after that you did nothing. After that you
14 joined the capitalist society and you started to build your
15 homes, maybe even more than one. You started to buy your
16 nice cars, you started to buy all of your wonderful
17 clothing, those sneakers, whatever, jewelry. So you lost
18 your minds.

19 And when that young person said you lost your mind,
20 it took me back to the teachings, the traditional teachings
21 I've had as a Mohawk person, about having a good mind, about
22 nurturing that good mind, about thinking about what it is.
23 I mean, that's the foundation of the Haudenosaunee, is the
24 good mind. Combing the snakes. Combing the evil thoughts.
25 Combing the snake straight.

1 And so that kind of -- I had to learn about that.
2 I had to take it into my heart. And I said from that --
3 after I heard that young person, I'm staying silent no more.
4 I will be out here. Now, I pay thousands of dollars to keep
5 my life in an assisted living facility because insurance
6 doesn't pay for it. Now I see folks whose homes are going
7 to be in jeopardy, whose livelihoods are going to be in
8 jeopardy because of what they're being asked to give to more
9 than billion dollar. We're talking probably closing in on a
10 trillion dollar companies now. They're there.

11 And I will do -- I can tell you this. I'm involved
12 with a variety of organizations now. I'm not going to stay
13 silent. I will do whatever I can to support the Tonawanda
14 Seneca people. Anything it takes. Now, if this goes -- if
15 this is not stopped, we will be there, I will be there
16 giving you a hard time every step of the way. So you are
17 going to not only have people promoting lawsuits, you are
18 going to have people with signs outside whatever facilities
19 or organizations that you have going on.

20 We will find out who that 50 -- that top 50 company
21 is. My mind is on Amazon to be honest with you, because
22 they have their data -- their data -- their distribution
23 center so close by. But I don't know. I'm guessing.

24 **MR. MASSE:** Okay. Thank you.

25 **VALERIE STAATS:** But I'm going to tell you, we will

1 be out there.

2 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

3 **VALERIE STAATS:** And I will go online every day so
4 it's -- if we can't stop you, it's putting mud in your track
5 every step of the way. This is not about anything else.
6 It's about giving you such a hard time you will have a hard
7 time making money. And those who work with that top 50
8 company, they will have hard time making money because
9 boycotts are up next. And those things are far and wide. I
10 will -- my mother would want me to do this. My grandmother.
11 My great grandmother. They would all want me to do this.

12 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

13 **VALERIE STAATS:** And so I'm grateful for the
14 teachings that I got from the Haudenosaunee people.

15 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Mary Pat O'Hara. No?
16 Jenna Diamico. And then next would be Cheyanne Witmer.
17 Sylvia Witmer.

18 **JENNA DIAMICO:** Hi. I'm Jenna Diamico. I'm from
19 Hamburg, New York. Last time I read somebody else's
20 comment, but now I'm speaking on behalf of myself. I am
21 currently working as a construction materials testing
22 technician. That will be one of the jobs that would be
23 created should this go through. I've been on -- I've been
24 in this job for about seven months. I've worked in jobs in
25 Genesee County, in Orleans County, in Erie County, Niagara

1 County. All of Western New York. And I'm very opposed to
2 this. Even though I know that it will create jobs for
3 people like me, I'm still opposed to it.

4 I think people want jobs. I think that the union
5 members who are here want jobs. I don't think they have any
6 particular attachment to this job. And of course every
7 construction project comes at some environmental cost, and
8 most have some community opposition, but that's not an
9 excuse to throw up our hands and say, well, every project
10 has opposition or whatever.

11 It's the fact that all construction and all
12 development has some kind of environmental cost, that's a
13 reminder of our obligation to minimize harm wherever it's
14 possible. And it really seems like this going to cause
15 immense harm, especially harm to the Tonawanda Seneca
16 Nation. Putting this right on the edge of the Big Woods
17 where it will cause harm to the ecosystem, which the
18 Tonawanda rely on for food and medicine plants. That's part
19 of a long disgusting legacy of stomping on the sovereignty
20 of the indigenous people of this continent.

21 Even if this project has all the positive economic
22 benefits you claim it will, which no one in this community
23 seems to think it will, is it worth the moral injury? Yeah.
24 I think that the idea of putting a new dialysis center in
25 the community, that's something that could be built that

1 construction workers will still be proud of decades from
2 now. So I know that this is one big project that's supposed
3 to create all these jobs for the construction workers,
4 people like me, but figure something else out. You guys are
5 the economic development board. I know it's easier said
6 than done, but it's probably easy to come up with something
7 else that doesn't harm the community. It's probably easier
8 to do that than to go to sleep at that night knowing you're
9 causing so much harm. Yeah, thank you.

10 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Sylvia, you're on deck.

11 **CHEYANNE WITMER:** My name is Cheyanne Witmer. I'm
12 a resident of Darien. I submitted comments to you already,
13 but I would just like to say I strongly oppose this project
14 and I strongly oppose the financial incentives package.
15 Thank you.

16 **MR. MASSE:** Sylvia and then Arthur Barnes.

17 **SYLVIA WITMER:** Hello. My name is Sylvia Witmer.
18 I am also from Darien. And I do have more on my comments, I
19 didn't bring them today. But I just wanted to come up and
20 add another number to saying that I strongly oppose this
21 project and the financial incentive.

22 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. After Arthur Barnes is
23 Marcia Bohn.

24 **ARTHUR BARNES:** My name is Arthur Barnes. I'm from
25 the Town of Shelby. I'm an alley of the Tonawanda Seneca

1 Nation, and I'm here on my own free will. I'm not being
2 paid by a union job to be here. The other day I was here
3 for one of the meetings and they had a timeline of STAMP.
4 And I asked, well, where on that timeline did you guys start
5 consulting with the Tonawanda Nation? And I basically was
6 told to look it up on the website, which I did. And it was
7 very vague. There was no names, no dates. It was like from
8 2015 to 2017. But the earliest date I got was 2015.

9 And it also says on the website that STAMP was
10 created in 2005. That's ten years without consulting. So
11 today earlier -- that's what the website says.

12 **MR. WALTERS:** I'm just telling you that's not the
13 case.

14 **ARTHUR BARNES:** Okay. Well, now you're answering
15 questions.

16 **MR. WALTERS:** You're right. E-mail. Sorry.

17 **ARTHUR BARNES:** Now you're answering questions.
18 I'm going by the website. I was told to go to the website,
19 and that's what I did. That's what the website said.

20 **MR. WALTERS:** I'm tired. I apologize.

21 **ARTHUR BARNES:** Okay. Now, so the guy earlier said
22 that he was in the longhouse on 2010. That's still five
23 years without consulting. And does anybody believe that if
24 you didn't have to consult with the Nation that you would?
25 No. So you say -- you know you have to so you can send an

1 e-mail. You don't get a reply. Cool. Somebody doesn't
2 call you back. Cool. You can say you tried. I just think
3 from day one you guys have not been working with the Nation.
4 And if you were, STAMP might not even be there. By the time
5 they had a chance to fight it, it was already a done deal
6 and too late because you guys were hiding things then.
7 You've been hiding things since and hiding things now, and
8 nobody trusts you.

9 **MARCIA BOHN:** Hi, everybody. My name is Marcia
10 Bohn. I am a Genesee County resident. I reside in Batavia.
11 I'm here to read the Nation's -- the concluding paragraph of
12 the Nation's 27 page SEQR comment letter.

13 So the Nation calls upon GCEDC to reject STREAM
14 application for 1.4 billion in tax incentive. The
15 environmental and social cost of Double Reed should be
16 included in GCEDC's cost benefit analysis and given the wide
17 ranging (inaudible) posed by the project to the national and
18 surrounding community. As discussed above in this 27 page
19 paper, the incentives request should be rejected. This is
20 particularly true because the identity of the tenant seeking
21 to occupy STREAM's data center facility remains hidden from
22 the nation and the public as a whole, and its track record
23 and other communities therefore cannot be examined. And
24 because the EJSL and CLPA prohibits projects that impose
25 disappropriation, pollution, burden on the Nation, we have

1 to protect our people. The Seneca Nation people are our
2 people. What are we doing? Why are we doing this?

3 Thanks. That's it.

4 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. So that is everybody who
5 signed up to speak. If there was somebody who signed up who
6 did not sign up to speak that wishes to speak, can do so
7 now. Anybody?

8 **SANDY STEELE:** I was going to finish mine. David
9 has given me his time.

10 **MR. MASSE:** He already did give you his time.

11 **DAVID STEELE:** I did, but you said after everyone.

12 **MR. MASSE:** I understand. I want to make sure
13 though that -- is there anybody else who did not speak? You
14 want to speak? Come on up. Again, please just state your
15 name.

16 **CARMEN OHOL ALLEN:** Hi. My name is Carmen Ohol
17 Allen. I live in Olcott Beach, New York. So New York's
18 proposed Dark Sky Protection Act, assembly bill A4615, which
19 would require outdoor lighting to be shielded or turned off
20 between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., stating the initiative to
21 conserve energy and protect wildlife and enhance the night
22 sky.

23 Ironical it should include the protection of
24 wildlife. Where is the protection now? It is unacceptable
25 to destroy the habitat that is so called federally protected

1 only to offer them dark dies in 2028. Water is a necessity
2 to sustain life. Considering hyper scale data centers use
3 one to five million gallons a day, this is not sustainable.
4 The usage can deplete local drinking water. The water that
5 is used is mostly evaporated into the atmosphere, 70 to 80
6 percent. The remaining 20 to 30 is discharged as waste
7 water often containing biocides, anti-corrosion chemicals.

8 Data centers require massive amounts of power.
9 Straining regional grids, increasing energy costs for local
10 communities. They are unwanted parasites. Getting approval
11 despite opposition and receiving favorable treatment the and
12 respective PILOT programs. Our elected officials are
13 failing to protect us from the impending disaster.

14 PILOTS need to be amended to include the entire tax
15 bill of the county they elect to host them. It is the least
16 they can do for diminished property value and utilization of
17 natural resources that everything living it dependent upon.
18 You are prepared to risk the health of the people, the
19 environment for technological advancement and financial
20 gain. We are not willing to participate in your gamble.

21 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

22 **PAUL LOMBARDI:** Hi. My name is Paul Lombardi. I
23 live in the Town of Aurora, outside of East Aurora. And I'm
24 really impressed with you guys who are coming out and taking
25 a stand. And the reason I'm here is because it boggles my

1 mind that that STAMP site was ever even put where it is.
2 Above and beyond the data center, of all the places to
3 develop, it should have been left in its native state. And
4 I often tell people I think we have to have artificial
5 intelligence these days.

6 **MR. MASSE:** Please let him speak.

7 **PAUL LOMBARDI:** Well, I say we have to have
8 (inaudible) because there's so little of the real thing.
9 And it's like -- and all this concern from union people
10 about jobs.

11 When that first speaker spoke, he's talking about
12 Elon Musk and what Elon Musk is saying about AI and what
13 these guys have in the back of their heads. They want to
14 eliminate the workforce, you know, because it saves them
15 money. They don't have to pay robots. You don't have to
16 give them benefits. And it's like -- it's just going to
17 hurt people in the long run. It might give some
18 construction people a job for a few years, but what's it
19 going to do further down the road?

20 And, you know, I agree with that young person who
21 told you our generation failed them, because I think we had.
22 You know, look who's running the country. And he's part of
23 our generation. And it's like -- that's why I say you may
24 be a small community, but I give you a lot of credit for
25 standing up to this and saying no, because it's not a good

1 thing.

2 Bernie Sanders was on his rampage about AI. It
3 needs to be regulated. It needs to be slowed down, because
4 we have no idea. It's like letting Pandora's box. You open
5 that up, and God only knows what's going to happen. And
6 it's probably not going to be good. Thank you.

7 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

8 **GAUGE ROCK:** I'm really scared right now. My name
9 is Gauge Rock. I have lived in Alabama Center basically for
10 45 years. I have my grandparents' house, and my grandfather
11 built it in 1960. They moved here from Buffalo to get away
12 from the city. And I went to school here in Oakfield. I
13 went away to go to college and came back because this is
14 what I love.

15 My property backs right up to the wildlife
16 headquarters, and I like to call it my little sanctuary.
17 And I get to walk my dog and listen to the birds and see the
18 wildlife. And it's all going to change. It's all going to
19 be ruined by all this. And I'm opposed to the data center.
20 I just want to go on record with that.

21 And I also want to say it's not only the incentives
22 that STREAM Data Center got, because when they put their
23 application into the town I believe the number they were
24 supposed to pay was 6.6 million dollars and they brought it
25 down to 3 million.

1 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Is there anybody else who
2 didn't speak who wishes to speak?

3 **AVA GRACE DELINE:** Hi. My name is Ava Deline. I'm
4 12 years old. I know I'm just a kid. My opinion might not
5 matter, but my concern is what our future is going to look
6 like in five years. With job loss, environmental pollution
7 compromising our water supply and health, I genuinely
8 question what it's going to look like when you guys cut down
9 the trees. I mean, you're not just cutting down the trees.
10 You're getting rid of the habitat. I love going out at
11 night and being able to see the fire flies and the possums
12 and the raccoons and fox. I'm not going to be able to see
13 anymore. It's just not worth it.

14 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Anybody else who didn't
15 speak who wishes to say something? And now if somebody
16 spoke before who wishes to come up and say something again,
17 it has to be something you didn't say before. And Sandy,
18 before you talk, can we agree to a time limit, please?
19 What's the time limit? Can we go three minutes?

20 **SANDY STEELE:** Yeah. Four.

21 **MR. MASSE:** Four minutes. Four minutes. It's a
22 deal. All right. So at four minutes, that's it, Sandy.
23 Okay? That's a deal. Deal?

24 **SANDY STEELE:** Before I saw that data center, I was
25 reading this book. It's called *The Tears*. And I will read

1 you a short thing from that. Before I do, when I was
2 reading it I woke up one morning and I thought, you know, I
3 always thought about the Adam and Eve story. You know, that
4 God told them, look at this beautiful place we have for you.
5 You can have everything in it. This is for your advantage.
6 Okay? But, he says, you can't take from the tree. You
7 can't eat the apple from the tree of knowledge. And I'm
8 thinking -- I've always thought, what a dumb thing. You
9 know, you can't be smart? You can't learn things?

10 And then I realize after reading this book called
11 *The Tears of Things* that everything has tiers. And that --
12 give me another minute. That it means that if you think
13 from your head all the time, your ego takes over. That's
14 not what God wants us to do. He wants us to use our brain
15 but to think from our heart.

16 And I'll read this one thing to you. And this is
17 what I want you people to do. And I don't hate anyone.
18 Well, I don't know. Maybe my husband sometimes, but you
19 know. Okay. Prophets and misfits recognize that most of us
20 do not -- that all things have tears and all things deserve
21 tears. They know that grief and sadness are doorways to
22 understanding. Understanding life in a non-egocentric way.
23 Tears come from both awe and empathy, and they generate even
24 deeper awe and deeper empathy in us. The sympathy that
25 wells up us -- up -- wells up when we weep can be life

1 changing too. Drawing us out of ourselves and into a
2 community with those around us. This is continuously
3 exemplified in writing that we have received from all these
4 Hebrew prophets that are in this book. And that's it. God
5 bless you all.

6 **EVELYN WACKETT:** So I wanted to say what I just
7 said to you. I don't know your name, but I wanted to be on
8 the record. I grew up in Niagara County in Wilson, and I
9 used to live along the lake in Ransomville. And I remember
10 fondly the day that my mother and my father would pack us
11 all in the car and come to the Iroquois Wildlife Refuge,
12 where she taught me about birding and the water and the land
13 and all that, that's important to us.

14 And so that memory there -- when I found out about
15 the location of this project, I was like, wait a minute,
16 that's a wildlife refuge, it should be protected. And so
17 when I found out further about the Short-Eared Owl -- and I
18 know you all heard my story about the Short-Eared Owl, that
19 somebody needs to be the voice for that owl. So between the
20 owl, the fact that I'm a New York State wildlife rehabber,
21 that we rehabbed the owl at the SPCA and released it here at
22 the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge, and the fact that as
23 a child I spent time here, I think it's too precious of a
24 place to just see destroyed by a noisy data center.

25 And the last thing I'll say is when I left here

1 February 3rd, driving down Judge Road here, I saw a
2 Short-Eared Owl for the first time in my life in the wild.
3 And I was just taken aback. And I was like -- the message
4 to me was, Eve, keep talking for me, girl. And that's what
5 I'm doing.

6 **LAUREN GOULET:** Hello. My name is Lauren Goulet.
7 I spoke earlier reading a comment for a local resident. I
8 am a resident of Monroe County. I won't take much of your
9 time, but I just want to share that it is not hard to source
10 ideas and build community with the communities input. These
11 frameworks already exist. These methodologies already exist
12 to make decisions with community input that grow local
13 economies.

14 All your organizations have to do is choose to
15 employ them and then bring community into the decision
16 making process. Folks here want to be apart of that
17 process, want their local economy to thrive. And you don't
18 have to start from scratch or reinvent the wheel. You can
19 use those preexisting methodologies and framework to do that
20 and make a different decision. Thank you.

21 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** I just have one quick
22 point to make, that we did have one Board member here
23 tonight. I want people to acknowledge that there was
24 somebody here listening to your comment firsthand for three
25 hours.

1 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Okay. Any other comments?
2 No?

3 **CARMEN OHOL ALLEN:** I forgot to mention that I
4 spend a lot of time out here. My family farm was the Ohol
5 Farm on (inaudible) road. So I spent a lot of summers out
6 here. I enjoy the fire flies, which are endangered. But I
7 also come up here with my children during the summer, and we
8 save the turtles. And the increase in traffic alone would
9 decimate the turtles. There's so many turtles.

10 Where I live, I live along 18. It runs behind my
11 house. I'm closer to the lake. And it's had a devastating
12 effect on my dog. She's really sensitive to, like,
13 environmental stressors. Usually it's lightning, fire
14 works, gun shots. But now these trucks that come through.
15 My neighbor Carol counted 80 in one hour. And the vibration
16 and the Jake brakes, I have to sedate my dog. And she's,
17 like, taking azaperone and hemp chews every day.

18 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you.

19 **VALERIE STAATS:** I just -- I don't have any -- so
20 as I mentioned before, the details the experts have all --
21 so much has been said and I've learned so much, but I wanted
22 to share -- and this may have been shared before. This is
23 my first meeting. But one of the things that helped me in
24 terms of some traditional teachings when they taught about
25 the seven generations. So you've heard a lot about the

1 seven generations, I think, in terms of consideration of the
2 impact of your decisions on seven generations to come.

3 And I just wanted to clarify how that comes about,
4 right? What that does, when you think about seven
5 generations to come and its impact, it takes you out of your
6 own personal family. I mean, your kids, your grand kids and
7 so on. So it removes you from those temptations of trying
8 to take care of your own. Particularly if you have a role
9 of leadership. So then, you know, we're seeing so many
10 things, so many people fall by the way side, so many
11 organizations becoming corrupt.

12 Now, when you look at them they become tempted by
13 the power, by the money, by the influence that they have, by
14 those that may look at them differently, the standing they
15 think they might have in their community. And so I think
16 it's important to look at that dynamic. If you start to
17 think yourself seven generations removed so the impact then
18 is well beyond just your own.

19 And we're just seeing, I think, so much corruption
20 start to happen, that we're learning whether it's money,
21 whether it's a job, whether it's having the ear for certain
22 projects, wherever that's coming from, it removes you from
23 those dynamics. And so I encourage you just to think about
24 that. Thank you.

25 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. Final call.

1 **NICOLA BRUNO:** I spoke earlier. My name is Nicola
2 Bruno. Again, I'm from Rochester. And I just wanted to say
3 these days we're all grappling with the terrible things
4 happening, whether it's war, whether it's environmental
5 catastrophe, which projects like this are obviously
6 assisting in. It's, like, clearly -- obviously it's been
7 shown and will escalate things like climate change and
8 ecological destabilization.

9 The point is, regardless, we all know that, you
10 know that whether you'll acknowledge it or not. But, you
11 know, the only thing that can really give a lot of us, I
12 think, real, like, respite and refuge these days is -- aside
13 from community, which is -- again, we've shown up tonight,
14 so thank you everybody. But also nature.

15 We've talked about that a lot, yeah. It's often
16 when we're overwhelmed with anxiety by the world, by all the
17 horrible STAMP-esq projects that keep being brought up, keep
18 being proposed. Guys, this is something that's supposed to
19 help the community, which we're seeing right through it. I
20 need to get to the woods. You know, I need to not hear
21 trucks, like we were just talking about. I need to not hear
22 the sound of cars and of honks and all that. That's not who
23 we are as people. Okay? What grounds us is being out in
24 nature, smelling nature, hearing all the sounds of the life.
25 Because we're that life too. That's what grounds us.

1 That's what connects us to our humanity. So I invite you to
2 maybe to go out sometime in the next week, or just whenever.
3 I don't know.

4 There's a great -- there is a lot our generation
5 says that maybe older folks don't agree with. Here's one
6 that I love that definitely, I think, applies to you folks.
7 Go touch grass. I think you should go touch grass. You'll
8 find some good things there. You're nodding, but I feel
9 like you're not going to, so I hope you do. Yeah, go touch
10 grass. And, yeah, that's really all I got to say.

11 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you. All right. Well -- one
12 more?

13 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** I just want to say that it didn't
14 go over my head tonight when it was mentioned that the Plug
15 Power is behind on payments when we just were at a meeting,
16 how many days ago, and we're guaranteed that they were up to
17 date on all payments. So that just goes towards the
18 non-transparency concerns. Literally just was said Monday.

19 **A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** I just said you guys
20 hide things.

21 **JENNIFER DURHAM:** It always comes out.

22 **MR. WALTERS:** Thank you for coming out.

23 **MR. MASSE:** Thank you everybody. I appreciate it.

24 (Proceedings concluded at 8:57 p.m.)

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