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Secretary Yvonne Hao  
Executive Office of Economic Development  
1 Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

Re: Qualified Data Centers Regulations

Dear Secretary Hao,

I write to you today regarding the draft regulations for the Qualified Data Centers tax exemption program.

Firstly, I want to express my great appreciation of the thoughtful and comprehensive development of these regulations. The tax credit established through the Legislature's Economic Development Bill last session, and implemented through these regulations, is incredibly important as we continue to ensure that Massachusetts remains competitive in this growing sector. I truly believe that the benefits that this credit will bring to the state sector and our regional economies will be transformational.

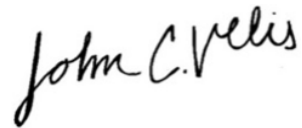
At the same time, as the regulations are being considered, I wanted to flag one concern that I've been hearing that tends to accompany qualified data center projects to ensure that it is kept in mind, and that is QDCs use of local power supplies and the potential burden it may place on residents. QDCs are extremely and increasingly energy-hungry, putting a large strain on the grid. As we go through this process, there have been a few articles that note how energy costs have gone up for residents near similar QDC projects as a result of their power consumption. At a time when affordability and utility costs something my office hears from residents constantly about, I

want to make sure that the toll on local power supplies, and any impact to residents, is something that is kept in mind.

As the Senator for the City of Westfield, I have specific interest in qualified data centers because of the Westfield Data Center Campus project, a 2.74 million square foot state-of-the-art data center that is currently being proposed for Westfield. Given the City's strategic location, resources, and workforce, Westfield is seen as an ideal spot for this center. While the local and regional benefits from the project would be enormous, I felt it necessary to flag this concern as this process continues. I know with great confidence that these are issues you and your team are already thoughtfully considering.

Thank you for your leadership on these important issues and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Velis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "C" and "V".

Senator John C. Velis  
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