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Ms. Cheryl Clark
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Re: Data Center Project

Dear Ms. Clark:

I write this letter regarding the PPEA proposal submitted by the Koll Development Company (KDC) and its partner, EDS, to locate a secondary data center for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Wise County.

After meeting with members of the KDC and EDS team, I recommended that they visit Wise County to learn of the many opportunities that may be available to them if they located a secondary data center in the County. As you may know, the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission ("the Commission") invests in diverse economic growth and development projects in tobacco-dependent communities such as Wise County. As a result of a visit to Wise, I understand that KDC entered into an option agreement with the County to purchase several acres of land in the Lonesome Pine Technology Center. The Lonesome Pine Technology Center is a state of the art business and technology facility and one in which the Commission has previously supported through economic grants and assistance.

I believe that Wise County and, in particular, the Lonesome Pine Technology Center will provide the State with a safe and secure site for the secondary data center. The location of a data center in Wise County is 100 percent consistent with the Commission's charge to expand and diversify the economic bases of tobacco-dependent Communities such as Wise County.

I am pleased that the KDC and EDS team have elected to propose Wise County as a secondary site for the data center project. I look forward to working with them regarding any appropriate economic development grant requests that may help to make this proposal a reality.

Yours truly,

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