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Good day Chair Claggett and members of the Technology and Innovation Committee:

My name is Eric Watson, I come to the House not as a candidate for House District 88, but as a concerned citizen of District 88. Even though I am a small business owner, I also graduated with a degree in International Studies and Aviation Technology. In International Studies we learn about how global policy can affect national policy and even state policy. As many Ohioans can see we are now at 220 AI DATA Centers, and our nation is at nearly 5,500. Yes, I'm well aware of the AI Executive Order that many seem to always point out, but what about the National Security Memorandum that the AI EO sits within? I would like the House to look into the overview of the National Security Memorandum M-25-21. In the third sentence down it reads. Through this memorandum, agencies are directed to provide improved services to the public, while maintaining strong safeguards for civil rights, civil liberties, and privacy. Now, I ask the House, do you feel that Ohioans' public services in their community are going to be improved because of AI Data Centers? Do you think that Ohioans' civil rights are being silenced from AI Data Centers backing their townships elected officials into a legal corner, because of potential lawsuits? Ohio townships have been already sued up to 37 million dollars? Well, this is what was conveyed to me recently along with approximately 40 other concerned citizens that attended the Woodville Township Hall meeting.

I am extremely, concerned that the interest of the people of Ohio is being placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to Big Tech interests.

Although, a Study is fine on the affects of AI Data Centers, but HB 646 seems to handing power over to a commission instead of placing the authority with the local government elected officials that are closer to the voters they represent. Perhaps the state can be more supportive to protect the townships from being sued when an AI Data Center zoning restriction is put in place? Seems to me the local government officials are having a harder time adhering to their constituents' wants.

This is why I would be an opponent of HB 646.

When in Ohio history have, we placed a Big Tech Industrial Corporation Agenda ahead of We the People across the entire state of Ohio?

Furthermore, according to research found in the International Journal of Entomology Research ISSN: 2455-4758, Published May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024, it is already proven that EMR (electromagnetic radiation) is deadly to pollinators, honeybees, and birds. EMR is very similar to EMF. EMR is refers to energy waves that travel through space. Such as cellphone towers. EMF radiation is only different as it is created from electrically charged objects,

such as a byproduct from large computational devices inside massive AI Data Centers. As large amounts of energy, on average from 50 Gigawatts to Terawatts, flow into these 220 AI Data Centers at one given time and run 24/7, this creates a huge footprint of low level non-ionizing EMF radiation this will prove to be detrimental and deadly to the honeybees, pollinators, and birds as scientific research has already discovered.

As Ohio being known for Agriculture, we really should be more concerned about what these AI Data Centers are going to do in the environment we live in.

God bless the great State of Ohio and may God help our leaders make the right decisions of stewardship over Ohio.