

DATA CENTERS: THE GREAT REVERSAL

AI data centers represent one of the largest private construction programs in modern American history—and one of the most consequential infrastructure tests of the AI age. The buildings are not new; the density is. AI chip racks consume several times the electricity of traditional servers, converting nearly every watt into heat that must be removed. Texas alone faces 474 gigawatts of large-load interconnection requests, roughly 90 percent tied to data centers and more than five times the state's all-time record peak demand.



The resulting pressure on electric grids, water supplies, public infrastructure, and rural communities has generated legitimate concerns about household rates, tax incentives, permanent jobs, noise, land use, and reliability. Yet blanket opposition carries its own danger. Foreign networks are amplifying domestic division while China races to dominate the technology that will shape economic leadership, intelligence, and military power. America must neither surrender communities to unchecked development nor surrender the AI race to adversaries. The answer is to build and guard.



In this briefing we will discuss the following:

- » Making AI Data Centers Pay Their Own Way: Grid Reliability, Water Security, Infrastructure Costs, and Investment Opportunities
- » Giving Communities a Voice: Transparent Planning, Enforceable Protections, Negotiation, and Local Action
- » Winning the U.S.–China AI Race: Countering Foreign Influence While Building and Guarding America's Strategic Infrastructure

YOUR MISSION: Equip yourself with the facts, policy terms, and practical actions needed to ensure AI data centers strengthen American prosperity and sovereignty without shifting costs onto families, weakening communities, or handing strategic advantage to adversaries.

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

- » A single AI data center can draw as much electricity as 100,000 homes, potentially shifting generation, transmission, and interconnection costs onto household ratepayers unless protections are binding.
- » Cooling demand can strain water systems during the hottest and driest days, when peak consumption—not annual averages—determines whether local pipes, aquifers, and treatment capacity can keep up.
- » Quiet land options, tax abatements, rezoning decisions, noise, traffic, and limited permanent employment can reshape a community before residents understand the full bargain or have meaningful input.
- » Foreign actors can amplify legitimate local concerns to delay American AI investment while China subsidizes its own infrastructure and pursues technological, economic, intelligence, and military leadership.
- » Binding ratepayer protections, transparent planning, informed local participation, and disciplined investment analysis can protect communities while creating opportunities in power generation, transmission, grid equipment, cooling, water infrastructure, and strategically located land.

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1. Making AI Data Centers Pay Their Own Way: Grid Reliability, Water Security, Infrastructure Costs, and Investment Opportunities

The scale of proposed AI demand is not incremental. ERCOT is holding 474 gigawatts of large-load interconnection requests, roughly 90 percent associated with data centers—more than five times Texas' all-time record peak demand. A large-load interconnection request is an application from a major electricity user seeking the infrastructure and permission required to connect to the grid. Not every

proposed project will be built, but the queue reveals the unprecedented pressure now facing power generation, transmission lines, substations, transformers, and utility rate structures.



A single AI facility can draw as much electricity as 100,000 homes. Someone must finance the power plants, substations, transformers, and wires needed to serve it. Unless the rules are binding, residential and small-business ratepayers may be left paying for infrastructure built primarily for trillion-dollar technology companies—including stranded costs if a project is canceled, scaled back, or abandoned.

Grid reliability is non-negotiable. Texans remember Winter Storm Uri, when millions lost power during a deadly freeze. The grid is also a national-security target: substations have been attacked, large transformers can take years to replace, and many are not manufactured domestically. Adding the largest new electrical load in state history to a grid that has not been adequately hardened is therefore both an economic and a security question.

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Water requires the same full-cost accounting. Direct cooling by all U.S. data centers consumes approximately 17.4 billion gallons annually, but that number excludes water evaporated while generating their electricity. Including that indirect demand brings the total closer to 211 billion gallons. Golf courses still consume more water today, but their use is declining while data-center demand is projected to rise rapidly.

Annual averages can also obscure the greatest local risk. Evaporative cooling may require six to ten times its average water consumption during the hottest summer days. A water system designed around annual averages can fail precisely when residents, farmers, and businesses need it most. Communities should therefore require disclosure of peak demand, anticipated water sources, drought contingencies, and the cost of expanding pipes, treatment systems, and storage capacity.

Cooling technology matters. Closed-loop and liquid-cooling systems can sharply reduce water use, while facilities in water-scarce regions can rely more heavily on electricity rather than evaporation. Reclaimed or non-potable water—water that has not been treated to drinking-water standards—can also preserve limited freshwater supplies. Water consumption is not an unavoidable law of AI; it is a design decision that communities can influence.



The economics deserve equal scrutiny. Texas provides more than \$1 billion annually in incentives for qualifying projects, yet a data center occupying the footprint of a shopping mall may employ only a few dozen permanent workers after construction ends. That does not make the project worthless: counties hosting large facilities may experience rising property values, lower unemployment, stronger job growth, and new infrastructure. But those benefits must be measured honestly against tax abatements, utility costs, water demand, and long-term obligations.

Texas has now set out a practical standard: data centers should bring their own power, reuse their own water, and lower electricity costs for residents. Binding large-load tariffs should require these exceptionally large users to finance their interconnections and protect ordinary customers from cost shifting. Bring-your-own-power requirements should make new facilities add generation to the system rather than merely consume capacity that already serves Texas families and businesses.

“Write those three down because that’s not a rejection of anything. It’s a term sheet.” –Kevin Freeman

Responsible expansion also creates investment categories worth studying. Power generation, transmission, domestic grid equipment, advanced cooling, water infrastructure, and land near substations may all benefit from the buildout. But necessity does not guarantee value. The picks and shovels of an essential industry can become overpriced just as easily as the headline technology. Investors must still examine valuation, execution risk, regulatory exposure, and price.

Making data centers pay their own way establishes the economic foundation, but enforceable terms do not appear automatically. Communities must understand their leverage, demand transparency, and secure protections before projects are approved and negotiating power disappears.



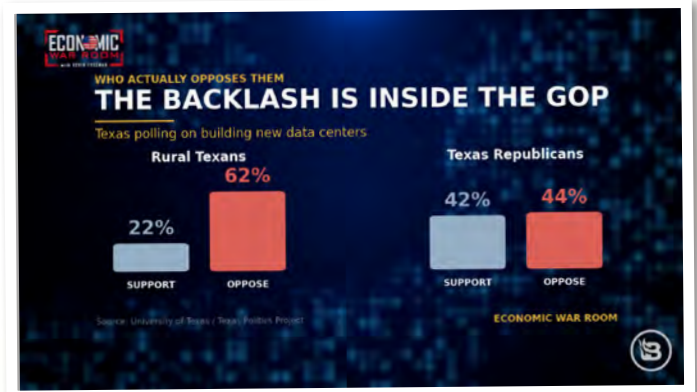
Attention: Require data centers to finance their own generation, grid connections, water capacity, and exit risks—then give local communities a meaningful seat at the table to negotiate how responsible development proceeds.

2. Giving Communities a Voice: Transparent Planning, Enforceable Protections, Negotiation, and Local Action

The most consistent spark for local opposition is not the technology itself. It is the process. Land is quietly optioned under shell-company names, and the first public notice may be a rezoning advertisement in the local paper. Rural county commissions with little experience negotiating complex infrastructure agreements can suddenly find themselves across the table from trillion-dollar corporations. Residents feel that something is being done to them rather than developed with them.

Their concerns are legitimate. Data centers can affect electricity rates, water availability, tax incentives, traffic, noise, diesel-generator emissions, land use, and emergency services. Permanent employment may also appear modest compared with the project's physical footprint and public subsidies. When those questions are not addressed early and openly, skepticism hardens into organized resistance.

More than 50 local data-center moratoriums have already passed, nine more are under active consideration, and statewide moratorium bills have been filed in at least 12 more states. In Virginia, home to the world's largest concentration of data centers, public support for new construction fell from 69 percent to 35 percent. Among rural Texans, only 22 percent support new data centers, while 62 percent oppose them. Texas Republicans are almost evenly divided.



This is not traditional partisan opposition. Many of the residents pushing back are lifelong conservatives who support free markets, private property, energy production, and limited government. They are setting those instincts aside because the process has denied them information, leverage, and a meaningful voice.

“Opposition felt like power. Planning was power.” –Kevin Freeman

I learned that lesson firsthand when a developer proposed building a QuikTrip near my former neighborhood. Residents circulated a petition to stop it. I believed the store would ultimately be built, so I argued that we should negotiate instead—architecture, landscaping, lighting, traffic, and other protections. The neighborhood chose opposition. The store was built anyway, and today those same neighbors use it regularly. But because the community traded its negotiating position for a slogan, it received the developer's preferred design instead of the project it could have helped shape.

The same principle applies to data centers. A community can oppose a project, lose the decision, and accept whatever terms remain. Or it can negotiate while it still has leverage. That means requiring early disclosure of peak electricity and water demand, assigning infrastructure costs, establishing setbacks and noise limits, controlling lighting and traffic, coordinating emergency response, pricing tax abatements honestly, requiring reclaimed or non-potable water where practical, and defining what happens if the operator closes or leaves.

These protections must be enforceable. Voluntary pledges can disappear when ownership, market conditions, or corporate priorities change. Binding large-load tariffs, development agreements, zoning conditions, and community-benefit commitments can ensure that promised generation, water systems, road improvements, local hiring, and financial protections survive beyond the initial announcement.

But negotiation does not mean surrendering every community to development. Data centers do not belong everywhere. Some locations lack the water, grid capacity, security, or infrastructure necessary to support them responsibly. The goal is not automatic approval; it is informed decision-making based on complete information and enforceable terms.

The opposite mistake is allowing fear of change to become a blanket refusal to build. Jefferson, Texas, was once the state's most important river port. When railroad magnate Jay Gould offered to bring the railroad through town, local leaders rejected the new technology to protect what they already had. Gould took the railroad to a backwater called Dallas. Jefferson lost half its population, while Dallas became one of America's great cities.



“Protecting what you have is how you lose what’s coming.” –Kevin Freeman

Smart planning protects what matters while positioning a community to benefit from what comes next. Counties hosting large data centers have experienced rising home values, lower unemployment, and stronger job growth. Those gains are not automatic, and they do not excuse bad agreements. They demonstrate why communities should negotiate for measurable benefits instead of choosing between unconditional approval and unconditional rejection.

Residents can begin by attending a county-commissioner meeting and asking direct questions: What is the project's peak water demand? Where will that water come from? Who will build the new generation and transmission infrastructure? What will the tax

abatement cost? What happens if the company leaves? Early participation turns residents from reactive opponents into informed partners capable of shaping the outcome.

Yet good local process is only part of the picture. Communities must also understand who is influencing the debate, who benefits when American projects are delayed, and why AI infrastructure has become a strategic target in the contest with China.



Attention: Demand early disclosure, binding protections, and a genuine community seat at the table—while examining who is funding the pressure to stop American AI development and what the nation could lose if that campaign succeeds.

3. Winning the U.S.–China AI Race: Countering Foreign Influence While Building and Guarding America’s Strategic Infrastructure

The contest over data centers is ultimately a contest over national power. The country that builds the strongest AI ecosystem will influence the technical standards, commercial platforms, intelligence capabilities, and military advantages of the next era. China’s State Council has committed to making China the world’s primary AI center by 2030, and Xi Jinping has called AI a “strategic handhold” for gaining the initiative.

Chinese AI systems must pass ideological review and suppress information that challenges Communist Party authority. Those systems are already being exported. The choice is therefore not AI or no AI. It is whether American or Chinese systems dominate the infrastructure and establish the rules governing the emerging economy.

China understands the stakes. While Beijing’s media outlets warn American families that data centers will increase electricity bills and consume local resources, the Chinese government is cutting energy costs for its own data centers by half. China is not opposed to building AI infrastructure. It benefits when the United States delays building ours.

Documented foreign influence is amplifying legitimate American concerns. Chinese and Russian state media have promoted campaigns against U.S. data centers. Foreign-funded nonprofit networks and advocacy organizations have supported moratorium efforts and helped transform local disputes into a coordinated national movement.

One investigation tracked 21 campaigns across 14 states connected to a Marxist-Leninist organization whose leadership overlaps with nonprofits funded by Shanghai-based American expatriate and former Huawei consultant Neville Roy Singham. Those campaigns contributed to moratoriums, a permanent ban, and canceled or scaled-back projects. Altogether, approximately \$23.6 billion in proposed American AI investment was delayed, blocked, or reduced.



The distinction is essential. A rancher worried about an aquifer is not a foreign asset. A family concerned about its electricity bill is not working for Beijing. A county commissioner demanding better terms is not serving an adversary. These are authentic American concerns that deserve honest answers and enforceable protections. The foreign strategy is to magnify those grievances, intensify distrust, and turn legitimate opposition into strategic paralysis.

“The concerns are American, the amplification is foreign, and division is the product being manufactured. And we’re buying it retail.” —Kevin Freeman

The same security discipline must extend to the physical infrastructure supporting AI. Foreign-produced power inverters—the electronic devices connecting solar panels, batteries, data centers, and other equipment to the electrical grid—can create vulnerabilities even when inspectors find no malicious hardware. The danger may not be a visible component or detectable line of code. It may be a future firmware update controlled by a foreign manufacturer or adversarial government.

Security risks also increase when too much computing capacity is concentrated in too few locations. Large data centers become high-value physical and cyber targets. The substations serving them have already proved vulnerable to attack, while large transformers can take years to replace and many are not manufactured domestically. AI

tools in the wrong hands present another threat, as terrorists and other hostile actors begin adopting capabilities once available only to governments and sophisticated organizations.

America cannot respond by abandoning the AI race. Nor can it win by building recklessly on insecure equipment, fragile grids, foreign-controlled technology, or agreements that alienate the communities expected to host the infrastructure. We need the biblical posture of Nehemiah, whose people rebuilt the wall with a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other. They constructed what their future required while defending it from those who wanted the work to fail.

“Build and guard, not build or guard. That’s the posture.” –Kevin Freeman

Building means expanding American data-center capacity, adding domestic power generation, improving transmission, accelerating responsible permitting, investing in advanced cooling, and developing the workforce and supply chains required for AI leadership.

Guarding means making ratepayer protections binding, requiring developers to bring new power, protecting water supplies, disclosing peak demand, diversifying computing capacity, identifying foreign funding behind policy advocacy, and keeping adversary-controlled hardware off the grid. It also means strengthening domestic transformer and grid-equipment manufacturing so that America is not dependent on foreign suppliers when critical systems fail or come under attack.

This is where Liberty, Security, and Values must operate together. Liberty requires giving communities accurate information, genuine participation, and enforceable protections—not manipulating them with half-truths from either side. Security requires winning the AI race while hardening the infrastructure that makes victory possible. Values require telling the truth about both the benefits and the costs, distinguishing authentic concerns from manufactured division, and refusing to sacrifice American families in the name of technological progress. Proverbs 18:17 states the discipline plainly: the one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him. That verse is this entire subject.

The national strategy must now become a personal and local battle plan. Ratepayers can examine who finances new infrastructure. Residents can attend county meetings and demand peak-demand data. Local officials can negotiate binding protections. Investors can

study the industries that will supply the buildout without overpaying for a compelling story. Citizens can trace the funding behind advocacy campaigns before accepting their claims.



Attention: America must build AI infrastructure rapidly enough to win, securely enough to withstand attack, and responsibly enough to retain public trust—then turn that national posture into concrete action at the utility, county, household, and investment levels.

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3. Determine whether your electric utility has a large-load tariff and identify who will pay for new generation, interconnection, transmission upgrades, and stranded infrastructure if a data-center project is canceled, reduced, or closed.
4. Attend a county-commissioner or planning meeting and ask five questions: What is the project’s peak water demand and source? Who builds and pays for new generation? What incentives will taxpayers provide? What happens if the facility leaves? How will traffic, noise, lighting, and diesel backup generation be controlled?
5. Support binding large-load tariffs, bring-your-own-power requirements, peak-demand disclosure, reclaimed or non-potable water standards, community protections, and enforceable exit provisions that prevent developers from transferring costs and risks to residents.
6. Before signing a petition or accepting an advocacy group’s claims—on either side of the debate—spend at least ten minutes tracing its funding, leadership, affiliations, and possible foreign connections, and support foreign-funding disclosure requirements for organizations seeking to influence public policy.
7. Study power generation, transmission, domestically manufactured grid equipment, advanced cooling, water infrastructure, and land near substations as potential investment themes—but evaluate price, execution risk, regulation, and long-term demand rather than assuming every essential asset is automatically a good investment.

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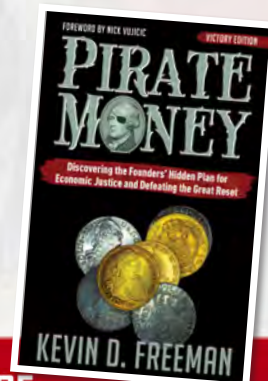
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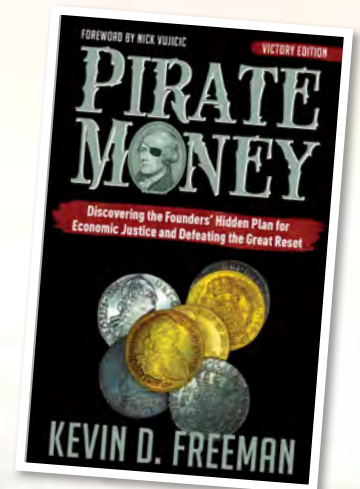
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