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Dear Chair Wheeler,

I appreciate your difficult challenges to balance both economic development and protecting our environment. The Prince William Digital Gateway stands to be a major economic development opportunity but also would irrevocably transform the character of Northwest Prince William County and may threaten our environment.

Such a transformation requires careful consideration, and I hope that the Board will proceed extremely cautiously, fully understanding the impact that such development would have on the environment, traffic patterns, real estate prices, and the rural character of Northwest Prince William County.

I also hope that the Board will reflect deeply on the impact to Manassas National Battlefield Park, a national treasure, and consult closely with the National Park Service before undertaking any irreversible decisions that threaten the heritage we leave to our children. Thank you for considering these issues carefully in your deliberations.

Warm Regards,

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