Hi, my name is Celia and I am in second grade. I am here to speak because I am concerned about the rural crescent.

In school this year I had a science lesson that taught me how roots of plants and trees prevent run-off of water. With data centers our grass and trees will be replaced with pavement which will cause run-off and impact our drinking water and overall water supply.

Plants give us oxygen and provide homes for wildlife, including necessary pollinators. Data Centers will replace and destroy these benefits. It would be better if there were parks and a nature preserve for everyone to enjoy instead of data centers.

Adults are always telling kids like me to look for the helpers in times of a crisis. Well, we are in a climate crisis, and I am still looking for the helpers.