

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 23, 2026

The Honorable Joseph Lombardo
State Capitol Building
101 North Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Lombardo,

I am writing to inquire about the status of state tax abatements for Townsite Solar 2, LLC's data center project in Boulder City. Should this project move forward, it may be the first data center built on land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). How the regulatory approval and state incentive processes are applied to this project will have immense consequences for the future of data center development across the Silver State, which is approximately 88 percent public land, and potentially across the country.

On June 26, 2026, the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Field Office approved an application to amend an existing Right-of-Way (ROW) grant held by Townsite Solar 2, LLC. The original ROW grant, issued in 2023, previously authorized Townsite Solar 2, LLC to construct a 19 MW solar photovoltaic power generating facility with battery storage on an 80 acre parcel. The revised ROW grant that BLM quietly approved allows Townsite Solar 2, LLC to construct and operate a data center on the BLM parcel instead.

I am concerned that BLM approved Townsite Solar 2, LLC's application to amend its ROW grant, without community input or adequate environmental analysis. This is despite the fact that when the data center was proposed on an adjacent parcel owned by Boulder City, residents raised significant concerns about the potential impact of the project on our already dwindling water resources, extreme heat, and grid resilience, among other environmental concerns.

In addition to the federal permitting process, how State tax incentives are applied to data center projects on federal land will have major implications for the future of the industry in Nevada. It is estimated that, had the Townsite Solar 2, LLC project moved forward on land owned by Boulder City, the city would have received \$2.3 million in additional revenue annually. Now, any fees associated with the ROW grant on BLM land will go to the federal government. Given the budgetary shortfalls facing our state and local governments in Nevada, this raises questions about why the State tax abatements should be incentivizing the development of data centers on public lands.

I also have questions about whether the State renewable energy tax abatements that your Administration previously approved for Townsite Solar 2, LLC will still hold, given the changes to the type of project and its scope. On October 7, 2024, the Director of the Governor's Office of Energy approved Townsite Solar 2, LLC's application for a partial tax rebate because the project

would entail solar energy generation and storage. According to the meeting minutes from the hearing, the total tax abatement for Townsite Solar 2, LLC was estimated to be \$24,320,435.00 over twenty years. During the hearing, then-Director Dwayne McClinton said that the Director would terminate the abatement approval if he determined that the facility has “ceased to meet any eligibility requirements for the abatement.” Now that the ROW has been amended, the project has clearly changed, and any State tax abatements for renewable energy should be reconsidered.

Given the community concern and issues raised in this letter, I respectfully request answers to the following questions by August 10, 2026:

1. Have you or anyone in your Administration had conversations with Townsite Solar 2, LLC about their proposed project in Boulder City qualifying for the State data center tax abatement?
2. Since the ROW grant has been revised to allow the construction of a data center, is it your position that Townsite Solar 2, LLC is still eligible for the State renewable tax abatements that your Administration previously approved?
3. As Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development (GOED), will you commit to refraining from approving data center tax rebates for projects on BLM land until the State Legislature reconvenes and has an opportunity to reconsider this issue, given the community concern around the Boulder City project and the precedent this would set for other public lands?
4. Do you agree that the regulatory approval process for any proposed projects to build data centers on public lands should be transparent and subject to robust public input?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Claire Shanklin (Claire.Shanklin@mail.house.gov) on my team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dina Titus", with a stylized, flowing script.

Dina Titus
Member of Congress