



Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

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To: Jack County Commissioners' Court
RE: 2026-27 Budget
26 July 2026

For the past nine months, the Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter has used funds from Jack County toward food for the shelter dogs and veterinary services and supplies. We have presented receipts for our purchases to the court each quarter. The majority of these funds have been spent in Jack County because of the great support we receive from local merchants.

The Friends have had great success with our Trap, Neuter, Return program. Our goal is to spay or neuter 200 cats. As of Friday, we have fixed 150 cats. Recently county residents have become involved bringing their cats to this program. It's amazing how many county residents in Perrin, Joplin and Bryson want to take advantage of this great program.

The R, or Return, part of the program needs some tweaking. Not everyone wants all the cats we trap returned to their property. We plan to start a barn cat program. Individuals would receive two TNRed cats and a structure to keep the cats in for a period of time. After a few weeks, the cats would be released and hopefully stick around as barn cats.

Each month the Friends coordinate with the PETS Van from Wichita Falls. We can only take a limited number of animals each month. Even with the low-cost services, many people cannot afford to neuter their dogs. Often those living in the country have multiple dogs making getting them neutered even more difficult. The Friends would like to start a program where we would pay 100% of the fees to neuter and give vaccines to low-income rural family dogs. We believe the spay and neutering of dogs is one of the biggest needs in Jack County.

The Commissioners' Court gave us \$25,000 last year. We are requesting an additional \$5,000 toward a barn cat and spay/neuter dog program. The Friends of the Jacksboro Animal Shelter have been good stewards of the money given to us not only from the county, but our grants. We plan to apply for the TNR grant again and hopefully a grant from the state will be available to us in 2027. Dr. Peter Armstrong is working with us on the state grant.

We appreciate what the Jack County Commissioners' Court has done for us. We hope we will be able to continue our partnership this coming budget year.

Thank you

JACK COUNTY STEWARDSHIP BRIEF

Expectations Before Agreements

How Good Neighbor Policy Version CC Ready 1 would give Jack County a clearer starting point

Commissioners Court | July 27, 2026

Jack County should establish its expectations before the next agreement request arrives, not develop them while an applicant is making its presentation.

The lesson illustrated today

The two BKV requests provide a useful example without requiring any conclusion about either request. Separate requests may support separate agreements. The County still benefits from one complete picture of related development, combined demands, public benefits and accepted responsibilities.

A separate request may justify a separate agreement, but it should not produce a separate version of the facts.

What Good Neighbor Policy Version CC Ready 1 would establish in advance

Complete development. Related entities, phases, shared infrastructure, utilities, operations and expected expansion are presented together.

Public bargain. Investment, taxable value, jobs, requested incentives, County costs and community benefits are distinguished as unique, shared or combined.

Community fit. Water, roads, drainage, emergency services, agriculture, neighboring properties and rural character are considered before commitments are negotiated.

Accountability. Material promises are assigned to responsible parties and translated into measurable terms for reporting, remedies, financial assurance, successor responsibility and decommissioning.

Why established standards help

Applicants know what picture to provide. Commissioners use a consistent framework. The public can see what was promised, who accepted responsibility and how performance will be measured.

Present-authority framework. Good Neighbor Policy Version CC Ready 1 does not decide a request or create authority the County does not have. It organizes Court policy and discretion, negotiated agreement terms and existing statutory tools while reserving broader state-authority items.

Recommendation. Place Good Neighbor Policy Version CC Ready 1 on a future Commissioners Court agenda for discussion and consideration. Version 10 is the broader framework and includes provisions that may require additional state authority. Version 10 is not the version recommended for the Court's agenda at this time.

Learn More

Good Neighbor Policy overview:

<https://www.skewthefuture.com/good-neighbor-policy/>

CC Ready 1 and supporting resources:

<https://www.skewthefuture.com/resource-library/>

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What is Good Neighbor Policy Version CC Ready 1?

The Good Neighbor Policy is currently presented in two versions designed for different purposes.

CC Ready 1 means Commissioners Court Ready. Version CC Ready 1 is the present-authority version of the Good Neighbor Policy. It translates the policy's original goals into a framework designed around the authority, discretion and negotiating tools available to the Commissioners Court today.

It builds on Jack County's existing Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria by identifying clearer expectations for project descriptions, rural compatibility, taxpayer protection, combined impacts, measurable commitments and long-term responsibility.

CC Ready 1 does not decide whether a project should be approved and does not claim authority the County does not possess.

Good Neighbor Policy Version 10 is the broader working framework. Some of its proposals would require additional authority from the Texas Legislature before counties could adopt or implement them. Version 10 presents the longer-term vision for the Good Neighbor Policy, which is the first pillar of the Texas Resource Stewardship Protocol.

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my name is Casey McEnturff. I have only lived in beautiful Jack county the last 4 years. Originally from Memphis TN & have a house just south of that in N. ms. In my old home Elon musk spent 20 billion dollars on 2 massive data centers. One in Memphis and the other in Southaven ms. There have been several lawsuits filed over the relentless noise, vibration & unpermitted air pollution that violates the clean air standards. They use natural gas turbines for power & roughly 1-5 million gallons of water per day. Friends of mine who live near these data centers, in spite of promises made, experience some times, zero water pressure, higher utility bills, brown water, & mental health issues over the constant 24/7 noise. Now I have heard people say CyrusOne is different. In regards to water supposedly they will use a closed loop system. Those systems require even more electricity than centers who use evaporative methods.



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WANDA JAMES, County Clerk
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And they consume more offsite water.

They put toxic chemicals in the system to prevent rust, corrosion, & algae. Ever so often they must do whats called a fill and flush where water gets circulated chemicals added & wastewater is discharged into local sewer/water plants. This directly effects our lands, & water quality.

Water is already a big problem here in Jack county. Some of my nieghbors must have water brought into store for everyday living.

Last week, I volunteered to get signatures & represent Jack county in a petition being presented today in Austin calling for an immediate emergency session to ban data, battery facilities, solar, & wind until provisions could be placed. ~~Some~~ This was done all over the state of TX.

We the people, whom you all are suppose to represent made a very clear statement. We DO NOT want These data centers! And we damn sure DO NOT want them to get



tax breaks for running our beautiful county.

Now today you have 2 more abatements on your desk, Let me be clear We DO NOT WANT THIS!

All roads lead to Jacksboro. Please dont let those beautiful rural farm lands become a concrete jungle. No one wants to visit the mega data centers of Jack county. Home values will ↓, utility infrastructure will be compromised, our water will be effected, livestock nearby + our health in ways we dont fully understand yet. And we also want the right to vote on wether we join a groundwater conservation district. Not decided for us. You have shown us we cant trust ~~you~~ that the decision most of us want will be the decision made.

Im asking each of you, to imagine this is going to be built by your land, cattle, or neighborhood.



Judge you showed on fB a picture of a beautiful sunset on your ranch. Now imagine going out at night to look at the stars, only to see a lit up sky + hear noise constantly from a data center. ~~You go in to get a glass~~ You go to get a glass of water and it trickles brownish water out of your faucet. Your cows are becoming stressed + sick from the noise. This is real life things happening to people all over rural america where these data centers are.

Is this the legacy you want to leave? Dont sell out our community! Dont ruin our rural way of life Because once the door is open it cant be closed.



Sierra Boespflug
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Date: 7/27/26

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Formal Opposition to the Proposed CyrusOne Data Center Project

BY

DEPUTY

Honorable Judge and Commissioners,

I am writing to formally state my opposition to the proposed CyrusOne data center project in Jack County. My family property lies near the Wise County–Jack County line, only a few miles from the proposed site. I have a homestead here, and I take seriously my responsibility to care for this land and the ecosystem it supports. This is not only about my own home or my own family. It is about those who came before us, those who are here now, and those who will come after us. We are only stewards of this land, and we should leave it healthier, quieter, and more resilient than we found it.

My concern is also informed by my training as a graduate-level ethnographic researcher and my PhD research focus on how industrial development affects rural communities, social systems, and relationships to land over time. The lack of a publicly available ecological or environmental risk assessment is deeply troubling because it limits the ability of the people who live here to understand, evaluate, and advocate for ourselves and for future generations. When those impacts are not fully disclosed, it undermines public trust and leaves the land we steward vulnerable to decisions made without adequate transparency, community knowledge, or long-term accountability.

My primary concern is the burden this project may place on water resources in an already drought-prone region. Jack County's own water planning and drought resources make clear that water is a continuing concern here, and statewide reporting has shown that data centers can place serious pressure on rural water supplies. Even when a company describes its cooling as "closed-loop" or says it is pursuing "net positive water," that does not erase the local reality that water may still be withdrawn, consumed, or stressed in our area during periods of extreme heat and drought. A water offset somewhere else does not protect a local well, a pasture, a livestock operation, or a household already trying to conserve every drop.

I am also deeply concerned about the heat this facility will produce. Data centers convert massive amounts of electricity into waste heat, and recent studies and reporting show that nearby areas can warm by several degrees, with effects extending miles from the facility. In this case,

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the proposed site is near the Jack County Generating Station, which is about four miles away. Taken together, these two industrial facilities could create a greater cumulative heat burden than either one alone. In a county where summer temperatures regularly exceed 100 degrees, that added heat is not trivial. It can intensify heat stress on livestock, dry out pasture and soil moisture more quickly, raise cooling demands on nearby homes and buildings, and place additional strain on wildlife and rural life. This is not just a comfort issue; it is an ecological, agricultural, and public health issue as well.

I am further concerned about the project's impacts on agriculture, wildlife, and the broader rural ecosystem. This land supports more than human use. It supports cattle, pasture, birds, pollinators, native species, and the quiet balance of a rural environment. Heavy construction traffic, truck hauling, generator noise, air emissions, drainage disruption, and flood risk all create cumulative harms that fall on neighbors, farmers, and landowners rather than the corporation. Our roads, emergency services, sheriff's department, and fire protection were built for a rural community, not an industrial development of this scale. The strain will not be carried by the company; it will be carried by us, our neighbors, our families, our livestock, and our wildlife.

I also have serious concerns about public health and public safety. Diesel backup generators, cooling systems, and continuous industrial operations can create noise, air-quality problems, and emergency-response challenges. In other communities, residents have already raised concerns about generator noise, cooling failures, and the daily burden of living near large data center campuses. If a facility of this size is approved here, the county should not simply assume everything will work as planned. The public deserves full disclosure of water demand, cooling design, traffic routes, drainage plans, emissions information, generator operation, and emergency planning before any further approvals are made.

I am also concerned about CyrusOne as a company because its sustainability language does not change the reality of what the local site may experience. CyrusOne describes itself as pursuing net positive water and other sustainability goals, but company messaging is not the same as site-specific protection. Other CyrusOne projects have drawn concern over water use, energy demand, operational disruption, and cooling reliability. A cooling failure at one CyrusOne facility caused major service interruption for CME Group, which shows that cooling is not a minor technical detail but a critical operational issue. If a company can experience serious failure in one place, it is reasonable for the public to ask how resilient and accountable the project will be here.

I am also concerned about the broader environmental effect of the project in a region already under stress. Jack County is a drought-sensitive area, and Texas water and agriculture resources are already under pressure. Adding a large industrial facility with significant water, heat, traffic, and infrastructure demands will only intensify those pressures. The combined effects of drought, extreme summer heat, power-plant proximity, industrial cooling, and rural land conversion could alter the character of this place for a very long time. Once this type of development is in place, the land, the air, and the quiet are not easily restored.

This is why my opposition is not just about a single project. It is about stewardship. It is about whether we are willing to protect the land for those who came before us by honoring the work

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The first of these is the fact that the *Journal of the American Medical Association* has been the only one of the four major medical journals to publish a regular column on the history of medicine. This column, which is edited by Dr. J. H. Hodge, has been published since 1917 and has been one of the most interesting and valuable features of the journal. It has provided a valuable source of information on the history of medicine and has been widely read by physicians and historians alike.

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The first principal difficulty encountered in the process of determining the relative values of the different types of goods is the fact that the value of a good is not determined by its physical properties, but by the utility it provides to the consumer. This utility is subjective and varies from person to person, making it difficult to compare the values of different goods.

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. In this case, the problem is that the company is not meeting its sales targets.

they left us, and for those who will come after us by refusing to trade away the health of this place for short-term industrial gain. I respectfully ask the Commissioners Court to reject this project and to support a ban or moratorium on large-scale data center development in this area until there is data to support the protections that would be implemented for water, agriculture, public health, emergency services, and the long-term ecological integrity of Jack County.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration of this matter. Please enter this letter into the public record.

Respectfully,

Sierra Boespflug

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sierra Boespflug", written in dark ink.

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Good morning, Judge Umphress and Commissioners. _____ O'CLOCK _____ M

JUL 27 2026

I'm standing here today to marvel—truly, to marvel—at the
astounding medical and intellectual miracle we are witnessing right
here in Jack County.

VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS
DEPUTY

You see, for months, Judge, whenever the public asked you about these massive data centers—about our water, our electricity, our land, and our tax dollars being handed away—your go-to response was humility. You told us you knew nothing about data centers. It wasn't your specialty! Before January, you didn't even know what a data center was!

And we believed you! We really did.

But then, a true miracle occurred. In just a few short months, our very own Judge transformed from an innocent novice who "didn't know anything" into a leading national scholar! Just this past week, our humble Judge went off on the taxpayers' dime to a seminar to teach a masterclass on data centers to judges from all across North and East Texas. A full "Lessons Learned" seminar!

That is nothing short of inspirational. To go from knowing zero about a complex multi-billion-dollar industry to lecturing the entire state of

Texas on it in under six months? That isn't just learning—that's pure magic.

So, I have to ask: what were those "lessons learned" you taught the other judges?

Did you teach them how to tell their taxpayers they don't know anything about a massive project while quietly becoming an expert behind closed doors?

Did you teach them how to spend tax dollars traveling around giving lectures on an issue your own constituents overwhelmingly oppose?

Or maybe the lesson was on how to get sued by your own citizens for allegedly breaking Texas Open Meetings Laws? Is that a chapter in your teaching curriculum now? "How to Bypass TOMA 101"?

It must be nice to have the public fund your personal educational journey and state speaking tour while the people living here—the ones whose tax money, water, and power are on the line—are left sitting in the dark, watching you hand out tax breaks to outside corporations.

Judge, if you're knowledgeable enough to lecture the rest of Texas on data centers, you're knowledgeable enough to answer to the people of Jack County. Stop hiding behind the "I'm no expert" routine. We see the expertise. We're paying for it. Now start representing the voters who put you in that seat instead of teaching seminars on how to ignore us.

Thank you

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ABSTRACT OF JUDGMENT- AGAINST KEITH UMPHRESS

STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF WISE)

I, BROCK SMITH, attorney of record for WENDELL BERRY SR., certify that in Cause No. CV-4929 in the County Court at Law of Wise County, Texas, that WENDELL BERRY SR. as Plaintiff recovered judgment against KEITH UMPHRESS who was the Defendant. Keith Umphress is also known as BRIAN KEITH UMPHRESS.

The mailing address for Plaintiff, Wendell Berry Sr., is P.O. Box 483, Chico, Texas 76431.

The physical address and mailing address for Defendant, KEITH UMPHRESS, is 6350 FM 1810, Chico, Texas 76431, located in Jack County, Texas. The last three numbers of Judgment Defendant's driver's license and Social Security number are unknown.

The Original Judgment obtained against KEITH UMPRESS was rendered on April 27, 2011, in the amount of \$25,539.56 (Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Nine and 56/100 Dollars), plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$5,000.00, and costs in the amount of \$211.00.

The interest rate on the judgment is 6.00% (six) percent per year, from date of judgment until paid.

Additional Attorney Fees have been awarded against Keith Umphress since the filing of the original judgment. On January 5, 2017 an **additional \$1,000.00** was awarded to Plaintiff against Defendant following the **Motion To Compel** hearing in the County Court At Law Number One of Wise County, Texas. On January 26, 2017 an **additional \$1,000.00** was awarded to Plaintiff against Defendant Keith Umphress following the **Application For Turnover Order** in the County Court At Law Number One of Wise County, Texas.

Defendant, KEITH UMPHRESS has not paid any part of the Judgment since its rendition on April 27, 2011.

THE AMOUNTS OF THE JUDGMENT NOW OWED BY KEITH UMPRESS, aka
BRIAN KEITH UMPHRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

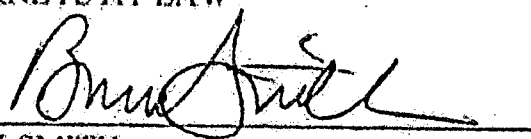
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Total Owed: \$43,820.76

There is now still due on this judgment the amounts set out above.

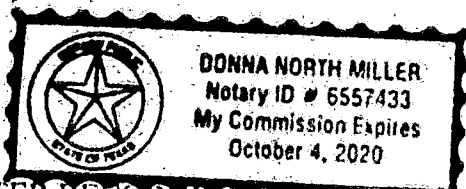
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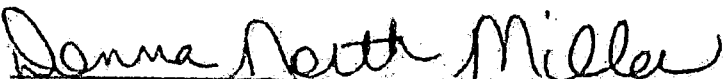
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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
WENDELL BERRY SR.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 8th day of May, 2017 personally
appeared Brock Smith, who swore on oath that the information in this abstract of judgment is true
and correct.




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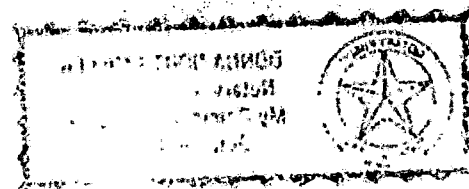
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STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF JACK I hereby
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Vanessa James, Jack County Clerk

By: Suzanne Brooks
Deputy





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Public Statement Lawsuit

"Jack County is aware of the lawsuit concerning the May 20 visit to a CyrusOne facility and related matters. Because the case is now pending before the court, the County will respond to the allegations through its legal counsel and as part of the appropriate judicial process.

Jack County and the Commissioners' Court take their obligations under the Texas Open Meetings Act seriously. The County is reviewing its procedures with legal counsel to ensure that future meetings, workshops, site visits and communications fully comply with all applicable notice, access and recordkeeping requirements.

No final decision regarding a tax abatement or other economic-

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11/11/62

Dear Sirs,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the enclosed copy of the report of the Committee on the Administration of the County of Essex, dated 11th November 1962, is being forwarded to you for your information. The report is a summary of the findings of the Committee's inquiry into the administration of the County of Essex, and is intended to provide a basis for the consideration of the County Council in its deliberations on the subject.

The Committee's findings are set out in the report, and it is hoped that they will be of assistance to you in your consideration of the subject. The Committee's recommendations are also set out in the report, and it is hoped that they will be of assistance to you in your consideration of the subject.

I am, Sir, very truly yours,
The Chairman of the Committee on the Administration of the County of Essex.

Yours faithfully,
The Chairman of the Committee on the Administration of the County of Essex.

CyrusOne will be made outside of a properly posted public meeting. Any proposal brought before the Commissioners Court will be considered through the legally required public process, with notice provided to residents and an opportunity for public participation.

The Commissioners' Court remains committed to protecting taxpayers, evaluating potential economic-development opportunities responsibly and conducting the County's business with transparency

(no subject)

Mary Sandberg <marysndbrg0@gmail.com>
To: Mary Sandberg <mes41177@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 27, 2026 at 6:36 AM

Data centers...

We do not want them by our homes.

We do not want their concrete domes.

We do not want them near our wells,
With humming fans and warning bells.

Not by the ranch.

Not by the creek.

Not where the groundwater's already weak.

Not by the deer.

Not by the trees.

Not with their endless energy needs.

Not on the prairie, wide and bright.
Not glowing through the Texas night.

Not where the cattle graze each day.
Not where our children run and play.

We do not want the power strain.
We do not want the bills and pain.

We do not want our rates to rise
So corporations win the prize.

We do not want our water drained
While ordinary homes are blamed.

Not during drought.

Not during heat.

Not while our wells retreat, retreat.

Not with tax deals kept out of sight.
Not when the public cannot fight.

Not with abatements, hush, and haste.
Not with our county's future placed

Into the hands of companies
That promise jobs and subsidies,

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VANESSA JAMES, County Clerk
JACK COUNTY, TEXAS

BY _____ DEPUTY

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WEDNESDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1966

My darling, I have just received your letter of the 26th and I am so glad to hear from you.

I am so glad to hear from you. I am so glad to hear from you. I am so glad to hear from you.

We do not want to hear from you. We do not want to hear from you. We do not want to hear from you.

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Then build a giant windowless wall
That changes life for one and all.

We do not want the constant sound
To shake the peace for miles around.

We do not want the diesel smoke.
We do not want the deals they cloak.

Not near our schools.
Not near our farms.
Not without proof they'll cause no harm.

Not in Jack County's open view.
Not where the skies are wide and blue.

Not where the hills and backroads wind.
Not where true Texas still survives.

Not where the hawks and wild things roam.
Not where generations call it home.

You say they're clean.
You say they're smart.
You say they'll play a helpful part.

But who pays more when grids are strained?
Who loses water when wells are drained?

Who hears the hum?
Who sees the glare?
Who breathes the fumes left in the air?

Who watches land once green and free
Become an industrial utility?

We will not trade our water supply.
For corporate profit stacked sky-high.

We will not trade our peace and land
For promises written in shifting sand.

Not here.
Not there.
Not anywhere

Without full facts laid open and fair.

Not without limits.
Not without rules.
Not while they treat our towns like fools.

Not until every cost is known.
Not until every risk is shown.

Not until the people get their say
Before their home is changed forevermore.

So hear us now, and hear us plain:

Protect our land.
Protect our rain.

Protect our wells, our farms, our sky.
Do not sell our future by and by.

Texas is more than open space
For corporations to erase.

These towns are lived in.
These lands are loved.

And data centers are not above

The people, wildlife, water, and air.

We live here.

We will be heard.

And we do not want them everywhere.

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