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Ald. Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward
5046 S State Street
Chicago, IL 60609

Alderman Dowell,

I write to express support for Digital Realty's proposed data center located in your ward at 330 E. Cermak. This project will exceed half a billion dollars in capital investment and will create approximately 70 permanent jobs. The tenants will also hire additional employees to work at the site.

Digital Realty currently operates nine data centers in the City of Chicago, including the Lakeside Technology Center, which is across the street from the new project. Digital plans to build a small bridge across the street to connect the new facilities. The new site should see more than one hundred tenant visitors each week, around the same number seen by Lakeside.

Digital Realty has pledged to use local union labor in the project, and they have committed to signing a project labor agreement. An estimated 80-120 union workers will be used in the construction. Additionally, the site is estimated to provide an approximate \$10 million in increased property taxes annually.

The Illinois Chamber fully endorses this project and its resulting economic gains. The constant construction investment, jobs created and new revenue for the City represent a win for the economy, the City and our workforce.

We appreciate your interest in this project and to overall economic development in the City.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clark Kaericher". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Clark Kaericher
Senior Vice President
Illinois Chamber of Commerce