

# Industry Stakeholder Quotes

## National

“This study makes clear that there are enormous economic benefits from data centers, from the creation of good quality, high paying jobs and meaningful tax revenues at the county, state, and federal level, to allowing communities to attract new tech companies and other industries. These dynamics build on one another and lead to growth – which is in addition to data centers’ primary role: enabling the internet, the cloud and the digital economy that is essential to life as we know it today.”

- Chris Kimm, Data Center Coalition Board Chair and Senior Vice President, Global Customer Care and Experience at Equinix

## Arizona

“Data centers have long chosen Greater Phoenix as a location of choice due to low environmental risk and robust infrastructure, and regional growth has coincided with emergence of new and impactful expansions. We continue to see demand and interest to support AI and cloud infrastructure and look forward to the region playing a leadership role in the development of sustainable practices integrated into future data innovation.”

- Chris Camacho, President & CEO, Greater Phoenix Economic Council

## Ohio

“In New Albany, we enjoy a thriving partnership with industry-leading data centers. These collaborations have not only solidified our city's position as a technology and innovation hub but have also enriched our community in countless ways. From creating jobs and supporting economic growth to fostering environmental responsibility and community engagement, these data centers have been instrumental in shaping our future.”

- Jennifer Chrysler, Director of Community Development, New Albany, Ohio

## Virginia

“Virginia’s forward-thinking policies created a business climate that has supported the growth of a thriving data center industry in the state. This sector represents billions of dollars in investments in Virginia communities every year and supports tens of thousands of jobs in a diverse array of supplier industries that span the Commonwealth. Data centers are also an important financial boon for communities, supporting critical investments and public services while keeping taxes low for Virginians.”

- Jason El Koubi, President and CEO, Virginia Economic Development Partnership

“With over 31 years as a local government official who has worked throughout Virginia, I have witnessed the benefits of data centers firsthand. No other economic development project can provide as much revenue and economic benefit, with as little demand on local public services, as a data center. Each dollar generated in tax revenue by data centers contributes to the parks, schools, public safety, and libraries that support our high quality of life. The Commonwealth of Virginia has a bright future ahead in the 21st century economy; we should continue to support investments in the jobs of tomorrow and the digital infrastructure that makes them possible.”

- Anthony J. Romanello, Executive Director, Henrico Economic Development Authority