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I wish to add my name to the hundreds who oppose this legislation. We currently are being deluged by AI tech in every aspect of our lives, and much of it is erroneous and detrimental. It is time to step back and slow down on the entire AI enterprise, at least until two things happen:

1. It actually functions reliably and for the betterment of humans.
2. Companies learn to operate data centers without the use of immense quantities of water and energy. Or find sources that are not harmful to the environment, which is not likely in the near future.

There simply is no reason to destroy hundreds of acres of good farm and forest land, as well as natural habitat for wildlife ranging from muskrats to beavers to otters to salmon. As well as people. Few will be employed at these data centers, many will suffer the environmental and economic effects.

Put this project on the back burner and then turn the burner off.