

October 4,2021
329 Miller Street
North Tonawanda
New York 14120

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing as a life time resident of the city of North Tonawanda New York, located between Niagara Falls and Buffalo to stop the bit coin company, Digihost from locating in my community of 30,000 people concerning Case No. 21-M-0238.

Digihost is violating New York state climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Act (CLCPA) by causing the release of green house gases. In a state like New York that wants to reduce greenhouse gases by 84% it would be oxymoronic to have Digihost locate here. It would use vast amounts of carbon-based energy on 24 hour 7 days a week basis for its business transactions. It will emit greenhouse gases such as nitrous oxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds. I, myself as a resident have COPD and asthma and this would worsen my condition. In the past, North Tonawanda, like Niagara Falls has been the victim of pollution and its health consequences with Occidental/Hooker chemical in the 1970's. We do not want this to happen again. Two of my high school class mates died because of this.

Water quality will also be compromised when it uses 500,000 gallons a day, 12% of the total city usage and the water will too warm when it comes to our old sewage treatment plant. This would damage the ecology of the Niagara River. In addition, the noise level will increase adding to a decline to the quality of life in our city as well.

In conclusion Digihost claims that it will use renewable energy in the future however why not use this solar and wind energy for the benefit of the people of New York not for some company that is not subject business regulatory oversight.

Thank you and please send me a reply.

Sincerely,
Susan R Wilke