



Tucker United's statement in response to Fundamental Data's claims of legal action against local media outlet

Fundamental Data threatening legal action against a local journalist is a desperate act designed to prevent the public from knowing what's happening in their own county. Over the past year, multiple representatives from Fundamental Data have made clear statements about their plans for the Ridgeline facility and their involvement in writing HB2014. Most recently, Ted McGavran, an engineer for Fundamental Data, stated at a city council meeting in his hometown of Belmont, North Carolina, that he helped write HB2014 and get it passed in the West Virginia legislature. He said, "We can do pretty much whatever we want to do up there" and that Tucker and Grant counties are "in the middle of nowhere."

At the town hall meeting on May 16, 2026, Lewis Reynolds, a representative of Fundamental Data, stated that the Ridgeline facility would span 10,000 acres across Tucker and Grant Counties and include two gas power plants, a nuclear power plant, and 1,500 acres of data centers. He also confirmed that there will be three diesel fuel storage tanks that will hold up to 10 million gallons each as a backup fuel source for the power plant near Davis and Thomas.

During the town hall meeting, Reynolds and Scott Wyland, a lawyer for Fundamental Data, dismissed Tucker County residents' concerns about air pollution, water usage, and the lack of transparency. When asked about who works for Fundamental Data and who their potential buyer is, Reynolds responded, "I'm not going to answer you." Reynolds said later, "There are power plants all over the country that are less efficient — they're making more environmental emissions than what we are planning on doing. We're just a drop in the bucket."