

Testimony on ZTA 26-01 Data Center Commercial Uses - Data Center

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Please delay ZTA 26-01 and study the impact on our County, especially on the Agricultural Reserve. I am very concerned about the health aspects as well as the costs associated with data centers. Will the citizens of Montgomery County bear the costs in poorer health and higher costs? We (meaning you) don't know enough about how data centers will effect the citizens of our County.

If data centers are right for Montgomery County now, they will be right for the county in 6-12 months when a transparent public process has made a full accounting of where and how data centers can be sited to complement the county's goals - and the biggest question - who pays? Good leadership proceeds carefully and in collaboration. The idea I heard expressed that we can just have these facilities move in and then tax them heavily is backward thinking and won't cover the health and energy costs borne by regular residents. We don't owe this company a facility just because they applied. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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