

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

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I have lived in the Ag reserve for 24 years and run a farm here. I've seen many changes over these years. Most of them have been low impact, with the exception of the developments along route 121 which has been terrible for traffic.

I strenuously oppose the siting of a new data center for several reasons: 1- it will likely spike our electric bills. Our last month's bill was \$753 (and we heat with a wood stove). 2- there has not been enough research done on the effects. Do we want to be a guinea pig in the most treasured part of Montgomery county? I think not. 3- it sets a precedent. Federal legislators are calling for a stay on AI data center development. It's moving too fast without much heed to the consequences.

Maybe it makes a buck for the county. Maybe it does severe damage. If you don't know, please vote against this project.

Thank You,

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