

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

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As a resident of Dickerson, living on well water, I have had to be careful about water use in times of drought over the years. I am also always conscious of the quality of my water, as it is straight from the ground and not out through filters like WSSC water. We've just found out that the proposed project in Dickerson will use 2 million gallons of the Potomac per day. What does that mean in our increasingly drought filled summers? And what is the environmental impact on the water sources in our area? These are the kinds of questions that we don't have answers to yet. Until we do, a moratorium needs to be in place - and quickly. We can't go back and add regulations to the project in Dickerson speeding toward approval. The ZTA 26-01 isn't speaking to the water and power issues - along with the pocketbook issues residents are feeling now. It's time to pause, get the real facts and then get serious about regulations. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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