

Hearing record: ZTA 26-01

Hello policymakers,

The building of data centers in Montgomery County before proper regulations exist is irresponsible. Not only does this discredit the needs of the residents, but it actively transfers the priority to the large-scale companies that will serve to profit from the construction of these centers. Data centers are integral to the infrastructure of artificial intelligence (AI), a key new technology of which we know somewhat little about. Yes, it has the potential for great economic gain and to vastly improve our lives. However, the speed at which AI is developing is alarming, and this is just one more example of a situation in which the development will outpace the policy. This will inadvertently affect the well-being of constituents in the county despite the potential for (likely marginal) job creation. I urge you to support a moratorium on data center while regulations are put in place to avoid such harms.

Thank you for your consideration,

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