

There seems to be a strong NIMBY movement afoot against data centers in Montgomery County. It appears that a moratorium is mostly a way to try to shunt data centers to poorer and less politically connected areas. That is contrary to the values that Montgomery County should stand for.

The arguments against data centers are overblown, and this risks being yet another way Montgomery County is becoming a less desirable place for business. We are in one of the least water-stressed parts of the country, and electricity costs are likely to be similarly affected wherever they are sited in the PJM interconnect (the entire Mid-Atlantic, essentially). Put simply, we should welcome the jobs in industrial areas in our own county.

I urge you NOT to put a moratorium in place.

Please add my message to the hearing record.