

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

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Going into Frederick, I drive by the data center construction near Buckeystown frequently. We do not need these monstrosities in Montgomery County. Very few jobs after construction and massive water and electricity use and an uncertain future for AI. Please, no.

Things are far too uncertain on data centers right now. Most residents in MoCo and across the country have turned against data centers. The State is just beginning a study of data centers. The affordability crisis is directly tied to data center capacity. What is the rush to jump in and allow large scale data centers here? There is every reason to wait, particularly with a project with unknown impacts speeding toward approval with no regulations. Slow down - get this right.

Thank You,

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