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I chose to live in Montgomery County because we don't have the large data warehouses like NoVA/Ashburn area. I do not want to risk the Potomac River or other natural resources with a data center that has minimal policy protections in place.

Residents are left with the stories from other cities where data centers have caused havoc with water, noise and more. The cluster of data centers in Dickerson got pre-approval without a site plan. Without hard numbers on both sides of the ledger, how do we know if data centers are good for the county? Take a moratorium to get some answers and build strong policies that make data centers work for all of us.