

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

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Data centers are complex and pose many risks. This is a land use that we have no zoning code for. This proposed ZTA is silent on the most impactful issues with data centers - namely the impact on our regional water and power supply. The scale of these projects is unlike anything else in the county and the zoning should reflect that.

I've read the data centers will use the same energy as hundreds of thousands of houses and millions of gallons of the Potomac we can't afford to lose. Regulations that take stakeholders into account and balance data centers with climate goals and resource protection will take some time to get right. Please put a moratorium into place quickly to allow the time to craft zoning that takes the real issues into account. We need to pause like several other Maryland jurisdictions have done. Please include my comments in the hearing record. Thank you.

Thank You,

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