

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

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I am writing to implore the county's leadership to pause zoning changes and data center project approvals until proper analysis is conducted and policies are in place to safeguard the environmental resources and economy we rely on.

Oversight of water use and demand on the Potomac alone are reason alone to step back and understand exactly what is at stake and who foots the bill. We have just seen with the Potomac Interceptor sewage disaster how vulnerable our drinking water source is and how poorly the governmental jurisdictions responsible for it are responding. Don't add to the threat with these badly planned & understood projects pushed through for short-term gain.

I am asking that you put a moratorium in effect immediately in order to fully understand the potential impacts and tradeoffs and craft policies that will protect us environmentally and financially.

The construction jobs will disappear, more efficient AI technologies that consume less energy are on the horizon. Do not fall into the trap of short term gain at the expense of long term consequences that you didn't prepare for. We depend on you.

Thank You,

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