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I support a moratorium on data centers in Montgomery County. Corporations are pushing excessive growth of IT usage for commercial profit without the support of the vast majority of the population. They are building these centers without regard to energy and water consumption or environmental impact.

Further they have not demonstrated plans to remove the structures and return the land to its prior state at the end of the life of the centers.

I believe these corporations should be responsible for the energy and water use, environmental impact, and physical buildings they plan to use.

Further, these corporations are including AI and increased storage into programs used daily by millions without permission of these users. I demand that they incorporate easily explained ways to decline AI and expanded storage.

Expanded AI and storage is only benefiting a very small part of our economy, while impacting everyone.

Wise planning would certainly prove that we don't need all of these facilities.

A moratorium would allow time for legislators to draft bills requiring these considerations.