

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

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As a mother living in the agricultural reserve I have many concerns over the impending centers. Concerning health risks have been linked to data centers, including a GMU study just released. The authors urge strong regulations to keep these impacts in check. Montgomery County needs to make sure we have these regulations in place before allowing 5 hyperscale data centers to draw up to 2 Million gallons from the Potomac per day. Please enact a moratorium as soon as possible and set about a transparent process to understand and regulate data centers here. I am also very concerned about water quality and consumption. We often have drought conditions in the summer and the Potomac has already been compromised by the millions of gallons of raw sewage released spilled. The current ZTA 26-01 fails to protect ratepayers and water drinkers by setting hard standards on water and energy use and emissions. We rely on you to protect us from over-consumptive industries - the ZTA must be stronger to do so. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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