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Hey- I moved to the ag reserve to live in an agricultural region. I do not pay my taxes to have a neighboring data center in the middle of a former hay field. The ag reserve is zoned for agriculture. The zoning reverted back to agriculture as soon as the former power plant closed. You can't fool me that it will be a neutral, quiet, unassuming building. Now I hear that 5 data centers are planned. You really know how to ruin a countryside. What's the upside here? More pollution, more water contamination, expensive and limited electricity, rapid obsolescence when technology changes, and loss of precious agricultural resources. I've done my homework. I know the downsides. You apparently have a myopic view that a data center is going to be a panacea of energy, money, artificial intelligence and success. Or do you fear being left behind some other counties who acted faster than you? Is it FOMO? I cannot understand how you sleep at night with the attitude that you will sign away this undeveloped land while also likely giving tax breaks and passing costs off to the community. Tell me the pros and the cons. Be transparent. What is your upside? I have a well that supplies my drinking water. Is a data center going to lower the water table? If I lose water and farmers around me lose water, will you look the other way? Will you care? People can't afford to pay for heat during this cold winter. What happens when electric bills skyrocket? My sense is that you have zero guardrails planned. Stipulate 1. No new impermeable pavement areas. 2. All electric needs/costs are covered by the facilities 3. Water quality and air quality will be monitored continuously 4.

Noise abatement is required 5. Exterior lights will be limited. 6. Methane or diesel generators will be scrutinized for pollution. 7. Loss of crops will be compensated due to pollution or water scarcity 8. Trust funds will be started to compensate for future cancer clusters 9. No further loss of ag reserve land will be allowed 10. Any homes with loss of well water will be compensated to dig deeper wells 11. Taxes will be fully charged to the facility 12. Tax revenues will pay down the county deficit 13. Any council members or politicians involved in corrupt kick backs will be penalized to the full extent of the law 14. Apologies will be issued by each of you if and when the plants go bust and close. 15. The land will be fully remediated and returned to agricultural use when the data centers close. No compromises.

I really didn't see any of you lift a finger when the Potomac was flooded with 40 million gallons of sewage every day. Its always someone else's responsibility. Your positions mandate that you serve the needs of the community. You do not have the right to serve your own self interests. Given that glaring lack of concern for our community, I strongly suspect that approving a data center is your plan, ASAP. Go ahead, show your metered judgement and prove me wrong.

Like many residents last month I was complying with WSSC guidelines to reduce water use during the storm. It made me wonder - in times of drought or extreme heat or cold when residents are asked to reduce water or power use - would the much higher use of data centers in the county also be restricted? These are the kinds of questions that we don't have answers to yet. Until we do, a moratorium needs to be in place - and quickly. We can't go back and add regulations to the project in Dickerson speeding toward approval.

Signed,

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