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We have made so many mistakes in the past by looking only at possible income without considering the wellbeing of residents and justice issues. Let's stop leaping without deeply looking and investigating.

We don't have a cost/benefit analysis done by independent, non-interested parties so, if we face facts, we do not know if the long term costs to the County will outweigh the short term benefits.

We do not even know how this new AI industry will play out. Will we find, in a year from now, that only small datacenters using far less of our resources, will be what's truly needed?

I urge you all to use smart, critical, systems-oriented thinking on this issue. As a faith-based person, I am aware that there is a universal web holding all things together but science also teaches that we carbon-based creatures are dependent on each other, on the non-humans sharing our world, and on the resources gifted to us to enable all life, including, maybe even especially, us.

I urge you to place a moratorium on this technology until a full, complete, TRANSPARENT study of ALL the pros and cons of large-scale datacenters can be completed.

Data centers are entirely new, complex and increasingly controversial. This is a land use that we have no zoning code for. I appreciate the Executive and Councilmembers want to put regulations in place to protect residents and resources from these highly consumptive uses. 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 for this process like several other Maryland jurisdictions have done.