

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

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As a frequent cyclist in Poolesville, I am alarmed by this potential development.

WSSC is now responding to the largest sewage spill in history. It made me wonder - in times of drought, extreme heat or emergency when residents are asked to reduce water or power use - would the much higher use of data centers in the county also be restricted? We've just found out that the proposed project in Dickerson will use 2 million gallons of the Potomac per day. What does that mean in our increasingly drought filled summers? 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. The ZTA 26-01 isn't speaking to the water and power issues - along with the pocketbook issues residents are feeling now. It's time to pause, get the real facts and then get serious about regulations. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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