

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

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It has come to my attention that the MOCO community and your voting constituents are not not being prioritized. I am struck that there has been no cost-benefit analysis of whether the county will really reap any rewards from hosting data centers. All residents are left with are the stories from other cities where data centers have caused havoc with water, noise and more. The cluster of data centers in Dickerson got pre-approval without a site plan - we now know they have applied to use 2 Million gallons of the Potomac each day. Without hard numbers on both sides of the ledger, how do we know if data centers are good for the county? ZTA 26-01 does nothing to better understand the water and power needs of this new use and does not protect residents from the impacts on the grid, at the tap and in the air. Take a moratorium to get some answers and build strong policies that make data centers work for all of us. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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