

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

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I'm disappointed the council would consider allowing data centers in Montgomery County's agricultural areas. The impact we've already seen just across the Potomac in Virginia shows how disruptive and wasteful this development can be. We should be protecting open space and farmland, not replacing it with industrial infrastructure.

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? Also, the downstream effect of using 2 million gallons of the Potomac per day cannot be ignored.

A moratorium needs to be in place - and quickly. We can't go back and add regulations to the project in Dickerson. The ZTA 26-01 isn't speaking to the water and power issues. 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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