

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

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Data Centers have caused harm to long time residents of Loudon and Prince William Counties, harm covered in a recent Washington Post article. Protect our Montgomery County residents and schools and farms. 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 (the plan in Dickerson will use 2 million gallons of the Potomac per day!). 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. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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