

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

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Why is the state giving a tax break to data centers that provide computing power to some of the richest corporations in the world? They should be paying double, triple, not less. Let's not make the same mistake in Montgomery County by giving them a pass. If they need so much electricity, let them pay for it or, better yet, put up solar panels on the top of their buildings and in their parking lots and generate their own power. There's no way that the residents of Montgomery County and Maryland should be paying for their electricity.

If their computers generate heat, then let them figure out a way to re-use that heat, not heat up the waters of the Potomac. The Potomac belongs to us all. Letting data centers cool their equipment with Potomac river water in the middle of global warming is, frankly, insane.

Things are far too uncertain on data centers right now. Most residents in MoCo and across the country have turned against data centers. The State is just beginning a study of data centers. The affordability crisis is directly tied to data center capacity. The Climate Coalition and other groups want the approval process slowed down, but I want it STOPPED.

Thank You,

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