

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

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Regulation is a positive thing that you, as an elected official can do! Work for and protect your constituencies' concerns! Do you know the answer to how data center water usage will impact our area?? As a resident of the Ag Reserve, my home relies on a well for water. We always need to be vigilant about our water usage. Especially in times of drought.... Which is becoming more prevalent. It made me wonder - in times of drought or extreme heat or cold when I and others need 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. Please include my comments in the hearing record.

Thank You,

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