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The rush to build data centers is generated by the pursuit of profit by corporations, who do not care about the future of humanity. They do not care about the climate costs or the health costs. They certainly do not care about the potential threats to humanity posed by artificial intelligence itself, which data centers serve.

While we are all catching up on the results of living near data centers, very concerning health risks have been linked to data centers, including a GMU study just out this week. The authors urge strong regulations to keep these impacts in check. Montgomery County needs to make sure we have such regulations in place before allowing 5 hyperscale data centers to draw water from the Potomac River. Please enact a moratorium as soon as possible and pursue a transparent, deliberative process to understand and regulate data centers here.

Thank you for not rushing off the cliff with the rest of the lemmings. Let's look before we leap into this overhyped and dangerous enterprise.

Very best,

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