

Support SB0116: Ensuring Responsible Data Center Growth in Maryland

Dear Senator,

As a constituent of Baltimore County Maryland, I urge you to support SB0116. This bill is critical for ensuring the responsible growth of data centers in Maryland and protecting our state's resources, energy grid, and economy.

Data centers are a growing presence in our state, and while they offer certain economic benefits, their rapid expansion raises concerns about their long-term impact. SB0116 takes a proactive approach by mandating a comprehensive analysis of these impacts *before* further expansion occurs.

This crucial study, to be conducted by the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, will address key areas of concern.

By supporting SB0116, you will ensure that Maryland makes informed decisions about data center growth, balancing economic benefits with potential environmental and energy-related costs. This is a responsible and necessary step to protect our state's future.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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