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CLIMATE COALITION
Montgomery County, MD



Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Sugarloaf Citizens Association and The Climate Coalition Montgomery County (CCMC), composed of 20 grassroots and professional organizations all **strongly support the passage of Bill HB 270/SB116 - Data Center Impact Analysis and Report.** The entire country is experiencing explosive growth in data centers. Before we tax our grid further, push MD's climate goals completely out of reach and burden ratepayers with major increases in their electric bills, it's incumbent upon us to have a better understanding of the consequences of data center construction. This bill would provide us all with an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in our state. This bill is even more timely given the upheaval in the AI industry just this week.

We need to ensure consumer protection and enhanced transparency of data center proposals and impacts. The General Assembly needs to require this study, to devise an equitable solution to who will pay for the increased energy costs and what the implications are for Maryland's air quality, climate goals, water resources, health, and the environment prior to the permitting and construction of these facilities.

We urge you to protect your constituents by doing all you can to ensure this bill passes the House/Senate and is enacted into law.

Climate Coalition MoCo Member organizations:

- 350 Montgomery County
- Biodiversity for a Livable Climate
- Elders Climate Action
- Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian-Universalist Church of Silver Spring
- Environmental Justice Ministry Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church
- One Montgomery Green
- Sugarloaf Citizens' Association
- ACQ Climate (Ask the Climate Question)
- Chesapeake Climate Action Network
- Montgomery Countryside Alliance
- Poolesville Green
- Transit Alternatives to Mid-County Highway Extended/M-83 (TAME)
- Takoma Park Mobilization Environment Committee
- Bethesda Green
- Ecosystems Study Group
- Friends of Sligo Creek
- Montgomery County Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions
- Safe Healthy Playing Fields
- The Climate Mobilization Montgomery County
- Zero Waste Montgomery County