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Favorable: SB116
Data Center Impact Analysis and Report

Dear Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I write in favor of SB 116.

The full truth of the necessity of rapid expansion of data centers with all their potential negative environmental impacts has not yet been written.

Before moving precipitously and perhaps recklessly (potentially wreck-lessly), we need to be certain to do our due diligence and see what we might need here in Maryland, and after that, where and how to build it.

We are seeing the havoc it is wreaking in Virginia. And while AI offers incredible benefits, we still do not know its full demands on water, energy, land use, etc.

American has a history of over-indulging industry in the building of infrastructure. Yet there is reason to believe that we build and maintain too much unused, or unwisely used, infrastructure, wasting resources, time and money.

And with technology advancing, we do not yet know if future energy (and hence land and water_ demands will be as great as we now imagine.

It only makes sense to take a breath and invest in a review of what we need, and how to best meet that need.

I urge your support of SB116.

Cordially,

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