



Testimony in Support of SB116 – Data Center Study
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Honorable Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and Esteemed Committee – I’d like to offer my support for this study in the form of a poem.

A study’s needed, clear and bright,
To guide our state through data’s might.
As Maryland builds, we must beware,
The impact on water, land, and air.

From power needs to jobs at stake,
We must ensure the right steps we take.
For each new site that comes to town,
The costs and benefits must be laid down.

What’s the price for water and land?
How will we meet the future demand?
Air, noise, and emissions must be weighed,
Before these centers are fully made.

Let’s learn from states that came before,
So Maryland can open its door,
To data centers, but with care,
Ensuring progress, fair and square.

A study bill, to guide us true,
To build with wisdom, not askew.
Let’s chart the course, let’s lead the way,
For Maryland’s bright and balanced day.