



House Environment and Transportation Committee  
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House Bill 1082 – *Large Load Customers – Data Centers and Rate Schedule Requirements*  
**LETTER OF INFORMATION**

The Maryland Tech Council (MTC), with over 800 members, is the State’s largest association of technology companies. Our vision is to propel Maryland to be the country’s number one innovation economy for life sciences and technology. MTC brings the State’s life sciences and technology communities into a single, united organization that empowers members to achieve their goals through advocacy, networking, and education. On behalf of MTC, we submit this **letter of information** for House Bill 1082.

The MTC is concerned that specific provisions could have unintended, discriminatory impacts on the data center industry and introduce regulatory uncertainty at a time when Maryland seeks to be competitive in the technology and infrastructure economy.

The bill changes the statutory definition of “large load customer” to include *any data center*, regardless of actual energy usage, by stating that a data center shall be considered a large load customer even if its maximum demand falls below traditional thresholds. Previously, large load customers were defined strictly by an aggregate monthly demand of at least 100 megawatts and a high load factor. This change creates a unique regulatory class for data centers, which could subject facilities of all sizes to specific large-load rate requirements. For smaller operators and emerging data center markets, this may impose unintended cost burdens or administrative hurdles that other industrial customers do not face. These provisions could be interpreted by rate setters in ways that treat data centers more stringently than other industrial customers, deterring investment and competitiveness in a sector Maryland has identified for economic growth.

The MTC believes Maryland has a potentially historic opportunity to embrace the digital economy and its accompanying economic benefits. We urge policymakers to carefully balance the need for appropriate regulation of data center development with the potentially transformative economic impact the growth of this industry could bring.

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