



House Bill 120 -- *Moratorium on Construction of New Data Centers - Co-Location and Generation Contingency*
House Environment and Transportation Committee
February 3, 2026
Oppose

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, opposes House Bill 120 -- *Moratorium on Construction of New Data Centers - Co-Location and Generation Contingency*, which prohibits the construction of a data center in Maryland.

From a fiscal standpoint, data centers generate substantial and reliable tax revenue. Their significant capital investment strengthens local property tax bases, increases personal property tax revenue, and supports income tax collections from the jobs created both during construction and ongoing operations. These revenues help fund schools, public safety, and critical community infrastructure while placing far fewer demands on local services than most other commercial or residential development.

Beyond the tax benefits, halting new data center development would place Maryland at a competitive disadvantage at a time when innovation and digital capability drive economic growth. Data centers are essential to an innovation-focused economy and form the digital backbone for high-growth industries such as cybersecurity, life sciences, artificial intelligence, and advanced computing. Restricting their development signals to these sectors that the state is not prepared to support the infrastructure required for their success. Meanwhile, other states are aggressively competing for these projects, and imposing a moratorium would discourage future technology investment that delivers long-term economic opportunity.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce opposes House Bill 120 and respectfully requests an unfavorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.

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