

HB0560- FAVORABLE

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HB0560- Sales and Use Tax and Property Tax - Exemptions for Data Centers - Repeal

Ways and Means Committee

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Chair Wilkins, Vice Chair Feldmark and Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

On behalf of Third Act Maryland, I urge a favorable report on HB0560, Sales and Use Tax and Property Tax - Exemptions for Data Centers - Repeal.

Third Act Maryland is an organization dedicated to environmental sustainability, clean energy and safeguarding our planet and democracy. With over 1,000 activist members across the state, we are committed to sustainable development and are deeply concerned over the environmental damage that Data Center development can produce, to the detriment of local communities and our state. We strongly support HB0560, because this bill protects taxpayers and ratepayers from subsidies and hidden costs to build data centers. 32 states have passed similar tax break laws and are feeling repercussions on their state budgets.

Maryland has the opportunity now to better plan for data centers that best protect communities and taxpayers. Third Act Maryland urges a favorable report for this bill.

Respectfully,

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