

Testimony on HB 560 – FAVORABLE
House Ways & Means Committee
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My name is Marcia Greenberg, and I am writing in FAVOR of repealing any and all tax benefits offered to large data centers. I am absolutely bewildered: In a country where the rich and the SUPER rich are only growing richer – and where the average person, as a resident and as a taxpayer, is struggling more and more - why on earth would the State of Maryland want to extend a tax break to the owners of large data centers who are poised to make HUGE profits? We face fiscal crises at the federal and state levels, and they are trickling down to the counties. We require resources for basic infrastructure, for healthcare and education (like the Blueprint!), for energy production, for community safety – and so much more.

My message is simple: Please go ahead and repeal any tax benefits that have previously been established or proposed for large, lucrative businesses. They do not need the incentives, and they have resources and astronomical profits. We, on the other hand, need tax resources.

And by the way: If they want to go elsewhere, where they will use precious water resources and energy that the local population believes are expendable, then we Marylanders will happily watch them go away.

I fully support this law, HB 560, and URGE you to report it out favorably.

Thank you.