

S.M.A.R.T. Siting Act

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I'm strongly in favor of CB31-2026, the S.M.A.R.T. Siting Act, introduced by Councilwoman Christiana Rigby.

As a long time Howard County resident, I'm very concerned about the high energy uses of these data centers, impacting our climate and the costs of energy in the county, as well as direct impact on open space and liveability. I'm also worried about the possible uses of data centers in an era when digital information is potentially being used as a weapon by oligarchs and fascists to destroy our democracy and oppress our immigrant and other marginalized populations.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

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