

INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

We, the residents of Landover and Prince George's County, demand that the construction of a hyperscale data center in Landover be canceled now! **We ask that you join us in our opposition and sign the community letter that is circulating to hundreds of organizations, institutions, associations, businesses, and more.**

We speak with strength from our many places of community resilience, our families, our churches, our schools, and our libraries and community centers. Our people already carry the burden of living in an environmentally degraded area. Landover is ranked in the 90th percentile of communities suffering from cumulative environmental impacts. Building a hyperscale data center would expose us to more air and noise pollution while stressing our local electricity and water supplies.


We likely share the same interests and want to live in a community where our physical and safety needs are met and where we can fight against corruption. We are not a dumping ground for a project that seeks to only line the pockets of billionaires while we pay the price. We refuse to pay the bill for our own economic impoverishment while the tech industry and our politicians get richer.


To read the letter and to sign on behalf of your organization or business, please visit the link below:	For more information about this campaign, please visit the link below:
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COMMUNITY SIGN ON LETTER


We, residents and community leaders, of Landover and Prince George's County, demand that the construction of a hyperscale data center in Landover be canceled now! We urge those in power to protect the dignity and wellbeing of the residents that make this County so lucrative and powerful. We are against the construction of a hyperscale data center for the following reasons:


 **Landover is already an environmentally degraded area.** We are in the top 10% of communities negatively impacted by cumulative environmental threats in Maryland.


 **Increased air pollution:** Fossil-fueled power plants and diesel backup generators that power data centers emit pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and fine particulate matter. They increase rates of respiratory diseases and cardiovascular conditions, and elevate cancer risk in nearby communities.

 **Increased noise pollution:** Data centers generate significant noise pollution primarily from backup diesel generators and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems. This has required residents in other cities to invest thousands into attempting to soundproof their homes, often to no avail.

 **Electricity use:** Data centers need a lot of electricity to operate. A hyperscale data center could accommodate up to 820 megawatts of power consumption, enough to power over 500,000 homes. This rise in demand impacts electricity markets and consumer bills, and leads to higher power plant and grid infrastructure costs.

 **Water use:** Data centers use vast amounts of water to cool their servers. Hyperscale data centers can use up to 5 million gallons per day, or about 1.8 billion gallons annually. This is enough water for a town of 10,000 to 50,000 people. This could lead to increased water strain and higher water bills in our region.

 **Low permanent job creation:** Data centers are highly automated and require a small workforce for daily operations. One example of many is a Microsoft data center in Illinois which created only 20 permanent jobs despite receiving over \$38 million in tax breaks and promising to create more.

 **Failure to generate meaningful tax revenue:** Due to recent bills passed by the state and PG County respectively, data centers are exempt from both state sales tax and local personal property tax, unlike small business owners. Once construction is complete, data centers will bring net nothing in tax revenue, especially when taxpayer cost to manage water and electrical infrastructure is factored in.

We demand that the construction of a hyperscale data center in Landover be canceled now! It is imperative that those in power prioritize the health, wellbeing, and livelihoods of the residents. We stand strong as a community against this data center and will use our voices to ensure this project does not move forward. We are not a dumping ground for a project that seeks to only line the pockets of billionaires and corporations while we pay the price. We refuse to pay the bill for our own economic impoverishment.

Signed,