

# Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on data centers remotely.

I appreciate the work done by the data center team. I read through the zoning amendment the team prepared.

I also read Mike Turner's account of the Loudoun County experience.

I know you think you can "manage" data centers. I know you think the revisions to the zoning regulations are adequate. I know you like the tax income data centers produce.

The zoning regulation uses the phrase "as much as practicable" numerous times. This means, in essence, that a data center can exceed standards and inflict damage, all the while claiming that reduction measures are "not practicable."

Please read Mike Turner's account and particularly read between the lines. The clear message is: We mounted the data center tiger. We'd like to get off, but we don't know how. It's a tiger. How do we safely dismount?

Here is something I learned at Oakland Terrace Elementary School: if you have to fight with somebody make sure they're smaller than you are.

That's not the case here. The companies that own data centers have budgets and staff far in excess of Montgomery County.

I don't usually agree with Nancy Reagan, but she's right in this case: just say no.