

MI Data Center Bills

SB 761–763:

THE BILLS & THE GAPS

WHAT THE BILLS DO

SB 761 Limit Massive Withdrawals 

SB 762 Require Annual Water & Energy Reports 

SB 763 Stop Passing Utility Costs to Residents 

THE GAPS IN THE BILLS

 No Enforceable Penalties for Violators 

 No Clear Rules for Denying Permits 

 No Mandatory Action After Reports 

 Limited Citizen Rights to Appeal Permits 

WHO'S AT RISK?



Residential Customers



Small Businesses



Rural Communities

VULNERABLE TO WATER & UTILITY HARM



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Calls are Needed!!!

THREE senators introduced bills specifically designed to protect Michigan communities from what's happening right now in Mason!

Senate Bill 761: Limits massive water withdrawals that never return to the aquifer (presented by Senator Rosemary Bayer)

Senate Bill 762: Requires data centers to actually REPORT their water and energy usage (presented by Senator Sue Shink)

Senate Bill 763: Stops utilities from passing infrastructure costs to residential ratepayers (presented by Senator Erika Geiss)

While the Mayor & City Manager make light of concerns--
Senator Bayer explicitly named MASON as one of the communities where residents are "rightfully concerned" about data center water withdrawals.

Senator Geiss wrote her bill to prevent EXACTLY what's happening here--**data centers paying the same rate as residents while YOU subsidize system upgrades.**

Senator Shink's reporting requirements addresses **lack of transparency** – exactly what Mason residents are continuing to experience: Edited timelines & website wording; Refusal to share data with neighboring communities; Delays and Refusal of FOIAs.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS WATCHING MASON.

Calling Takes LESS than 5 Minutes!

Here's How:

Be Respectful ~ Represent Well ~ but Stand Firm!

1. Request that Bills 761, 762, & 763 get hearings ASAP - so they can get strengthened & go to the floor for a vote!

2. State that cities LIKE YOURS need these bills!

3. Let them know that that these 3 bills on his committee's docket directly impacts your city & that the residents of Michigan need him to get them moving.

Call Energy & Environment Committee Chair:
Sen. Sean McCann 517-373-5100