

Dear Commissioners, Boop, Richards, and Rowe,

I am writing as a concerned resident and community stakeholder to formally call for the immediate implementation of a temporary moratorium on all new data center approvals and developments within Union County, Pennsylvania.

The rapid expansion of data center infrastructure across the country is occurring faster than most local governments can properly assess. Union County now faces a critical decision point: proceed without sufficient safeguards or pause and ensure that development aligns with the long-term interests of its residents.

At present, there has not been adequate public transparency, environmental review, or infrastructure impact analysis to justify continued approvals of projects of this magnitude.

This is a matter of public interest and public protection.

Key concerns include:

- Unregulated Energy Demand: Data centers place extraordinary and continuous strain on regional power grids, with potential downstream cost increases for residents and small businesses.
- Water Resource Impact: Large-scale cooling systems can significantly affect local water usage, particularly in areas not designed for industrial-scale demand.
- Zoning and Land Use Conflicts: These developments often displace more community-oriented economic uses while permanently altering the character of local municipalities.
- Lack of Public Process: Residents are too often informed after decisions are already in motion, rather than being included in the decision-making process from the beginning.

Given these concerns, I am calling on the Board to take the following actions:

1. Enact an immediate temporary moratorium on all new data center projects and approvals
2. Initiate a full environmental and infrastructure impact study specific to Union County
3. Hold publicly accessible hearings to gather input from residents, small businesses, and local stakeholders
4. Develop clear regulatory frameworks governing data center development before any

future approvals are considered

This is not opposition to progress — it is a demand for responsible governance, transparency, and community protection.

The decisions made at this moment will have long-term consequences for land use, resource allocation, and quality of life in Union County. Residents are paying attention, and there is a growing expectation that leadership will act decisively and in the public's best interest.

I look forward to your response and to seeing this issue addressed with the seriousness it deserves.

Respectfully,

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