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Montgomery County Council
Written Testimony
Expedited Bill 19-26
June 16, 2026

Council Members,

I ask that you **give an unfavorable report on Expedited Bill 19-26, Buildings-Moratorium on Permits for Data Centers-Established.**

An “Expedited Bill” is exactly what this is, expedited or more quickly than usual. This bill has primary day, June 23rd, written all over it. Why else would a Council member, or anyone seeking a higher office propose such a bill. Why would a leader of Montgomery County propose such a rushed bill? Why not admit that he or she has not paid attention to the world around them for the past 10 years? It’s one or the other, a political ploy to get last minute votes or the Council person that brought this forward is not aware of current events.

The popular thing to do now is to blame all our problems on Data Centers. Like it or not, Data Centers are the infrastructure of today. Our forefathers were having the same arguments about the Railroad systems in the early 1800’s and the American Highway system in the 1950’s and 60’s. As you know, we still rely on these infrastructures today. I ask the Council if they have any other ideas on growing the economy or providing private sector jobs that include healthcare benefits and defined pensions. Or do you want the citizens of this county to be financial burdens to the County, State and Country? These are the jobs of the 21st century, and I ask you to seek these well-paying jobs and not put a moratorium on them.

I ask each member of the Council to oppose any moratorium of jobs and financial success on their very own citizens. I ask that you **oppose Expedited Bill 19-26.**

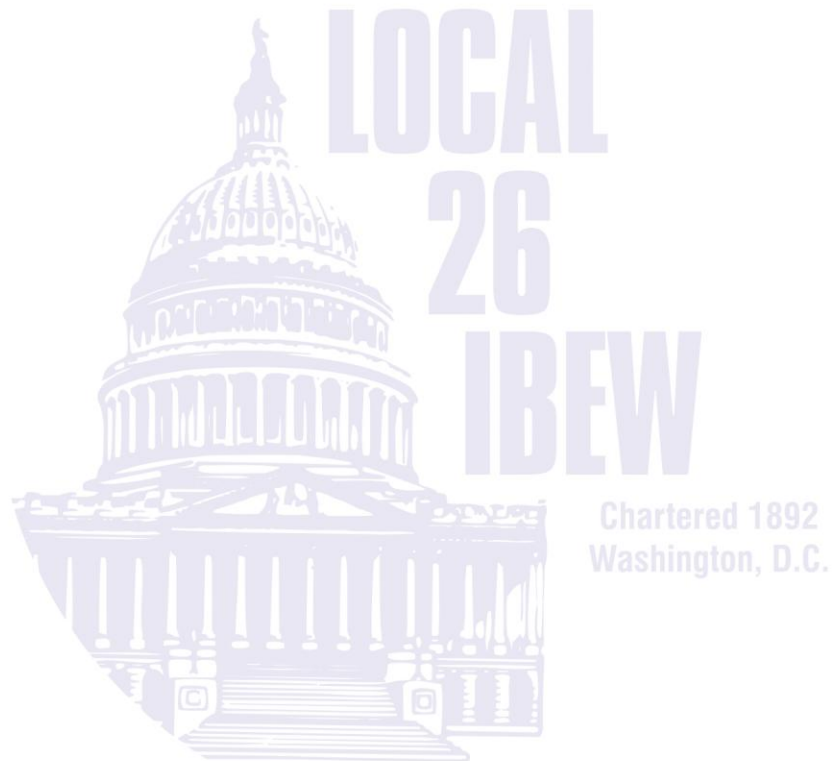
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