



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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RE: Pause on Data Center Tax Subsidies

Dear House and Senate Leadership:

Since 2019, the state's numerous data center tax exemptions and incentives have led to the rapid growth of data center development in Illinois. As of December 2024, DCEO reported that **\$983,196,670** of tax benefits were taken by data center corporations.

A policy intended to attract investment has now left Illinoisans with record spikes in utility bills, strained our regional power grids, and raised significant concerns among our local constituents.

While several legislative proposals have been introduced to address these mounting impacts, none of these appear to be advancing in the final days of the legislative session. At the same time, we are confronting difficult budget choices that could have real impact on our communities.

Thus, we believe the responsible course of action is to **pause the data center tax credits and exemptions in the FY 2027 budget until common-sense guardrails are in place**. It is not only fiscally irresponsible, but also unconscionable to continue to provide millions of taxpayer dollars to Big Tech corporations harming our climate, straining our grid, and making electric bills unaffordable for working families.

Data center development may remain a promising economic opportunity for our state, but it cannot come at the expense of Illinoisans' utility bills, public resources, or community health. Before Illinois continues subsidizing this industry, we need clear standards to ensure these opportunities do not come at the expense of working families and our energy and water resources.

Sincerely,

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