

I support HB 6551: An Act Concerning Environmental Air Quality. Although at this point, the bill's description is vague, I certainly favor the establishment of a working group that will identify environmentally impacted communities. I certainly favor, as well, the establishment of an entity or process to cancel or prevent permits when these well might effect impacted communities.

Please note that I am following Raised Bill HB 6468: An Act Concerning Incentives for Qualified Data Centers. I am concerned because no hearing was arranged to allow the public to comment on this bill. Data centers are intensive power & water users, & have an alarming potential to add to the burden of all of our residents, but especially those who are already disadvantaged. Please note the suggested remedies added (copied below) would be important to ensure the approval of myself and other environmentally & socially concerned people.

- * Prohibit diesel or fossil fuel back-up power to protect environmental justice communities.
- * Require the most energy-efficient servers
- * Require that construction of data centers meet a net-zero, all-electric standard
- * Require that data centers conserve water by requiring air cooled or closed loop water systems
- * Require buildings be heated with waste heat from the data center, and allow excess heat to be used for thermal energy storage and or community heating needs
- * Require data centers to meet sustainability goals of the municipality in which they are located.

Thank you

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