



Make Data Centers **BYONCE** ⚡ 🌳 💧

Please support language in the Utility RELIEF omnibus energy package that tells data centers:

**“BRING YOUR OWN NEW, CLEAN ENERGY”
OR BYONCE**

Marylanders for Data Center reform is made up of organizations across the state concerned with the impacts of data centers on our wallets, our electricity grid, and our air quality.

WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT DATA CENTER LANGUAGE IN THE UTILITY RELIEF ACT THAT WILL:

Make data centers pay to cover their own costs:

The Next Generation Energy Act of 2025 said that data centers will pay a higher price, or “tariff”, for electricity to ensure the data center developer pays for upgrades to the grid that were made necessary by the data center. The Utility RELIEF Act helps ensure that more data centers, specifically smaller ones, pay this new price for electricity. This is done through the updated tariff definition for a large load customer to charge data centers that operate at a capacity of 25MW and a 60% load factor.

Create a large load registry that creates transparency and accountability:

The Utility RELIEF Act would require new data centers to register with the Maryland Public Service Commission. The House version also requires increased transparency through an online map of where data centers are located. This would increase public transparency about water usage, back-up power generation and other characteristics.

Promote demand response and BYONCE:

The Senate version of the Utility RELIEF Act codifies a new demand response program that is modeled off the LEED building program. In the same way that sustainable buildings can receive a gold or platinum LEED certificate, data centers that bring their own clean energy could get a gold or platinum certification from the state. Data centers designated platinum or gold would be prioritized over other, dirtier data centers in permitting processes. This would not change the number of data centers coming to Maryland, but it would mean that the data centers in Maryland will be better grid citizens, reducing or eliminating their impact on our wallets and our climate.

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