

I oppose large data centers in Pennsylvania. They put heavy strain on land, water, and power systems while offering little real benefit to the places they move into.

In regions with a high concentration of data centers, wholesale electricity costs are up to 267% higher, costs that are passed directly onto consumers. In several states, household electric bills have risen an average of 14% in just one year, with increases expected to continue. In Pennsylvania alone, projected data center growth could cost ratepayers \$2.75 billion by 2027, roughly \$225 per customer every year.

Water impacts are just as serious. Large data centers could consume between 16 billion and 33 billion gallons of water annually by 2028, driving up local water bills while discharging pollutants into nearby streams and rivers. Pennsylvanians already know what happens when corporations extract resources without accountability. Cleanup from past fossil fuel extraction has cost taxpayers billions, and this path risks repeating that history.

These corporations promise jobs, but what they seek is cheap land and minimal resistance. They operate with little transparency, keeping much of their planning and decision-making behind closed doors, leaving communities in the dark about crucial details. They rely on legal pressure to force communities into compliance. That is not good neighbor behavior, and Pennsylvania does not need projects built this way.

Speaking up matters. Our land, our water, and our future are worth protecting.

