

# SUPPORT HB337

Topic: Data Centers Siting

Bill Patron: Delegate Josh Thomas

## OVERVIEW:

This bill would prohibit the construction of a data center within ½ mile of a national park, state park, or historically significant site.

## Reasons to support:

- The proliferation of data centers in Virginia has spread from traditional industrial zones to numerous areas directly adjacent to national parks, state parks, and other historic resources.
- Data centers are a heavy industrial use, which is inherently incompatible with parks and historic resources.
- This bill provides a reasonable buffer of one-half mile from Virginia's most treasured places and the heavy industrial development of data centers.



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