

I stand here before you today, as a constituent and a small business owner and Adams County, Ohio also as an advocate for the Echo tourism industry as a whole and a volunteer member of the Buckeye Trail Association, the North Country Trail Association, the Ohio River Way.

I speak for myself and others in the community that share the same concerns as myself regarding data centers. And I don't stand here against development or job creation that is proposed with said industry, I do stand here asking that we allow ourself time to run data on existing establishments, so we can define regulations and operations for these industries to obide by. And I stand here today asking one to please do this and help me and my fellow citizens preserve Adams County.

When thinking of Adams County, magic comes to mind. The magic that happens where worlds collide more specifically. It was noticed for the first time in 1838 when Ohio's First Geological Survey or First Annual Report on the Geology of Ohio was published. In this report Dr John Locke noted the unusual habitat of Adams County and the geological and biological diversity it possesses to be "prophetic". He realized the picturesque and invigorating environment needs to be "brought into due notice" and even realized then the plethora of outdoor recreation within the county could be a potential "engine for economic growth" . Now some may have described Locke to be a madman because of how passionate he was about the magic of Adams County, the magic is the diversity and I'm not going to lie, some may echo those same words about my passion, especially as I stand here, but I see the same "salubrity and numerous resources for recreation and healthful amusement" as he stated in the initial survey for our great state.

This was in 1838, same words are echoed from voices of our past in Planning Adams County's Tommorrow, a publication written in 2000 by our residents with a vision statement that read "In the year 2020, Adams County is recognized for its abundant natural resources, innovative incompatible economic opportunities, proud American Heritage and preserved World Landscapes."

By forming this committee we can regulate the process data centers and their development, because the way they have been operating is stripping us of everything those before us learned from living through the industrial development of the past. I hope to be on such a committee and help protect the citizens rights and words of past, present and future. I also ask as I stand before you to please push pause right now file the moratorium as a state, to help protect the rights of our citizens in this great state and especially to help preserve the Magic of Adams County, OH

Thank you  
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