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Dear Members of the Energy, Utilities & Technology Committee,  
I support a moratorium on data centers. I am not opposed to new technology but I am concerned about the amount of resources and energy that data centers require to operate and the impact they have on the environment and people. A moratorium would allow us to get more of the information needed to make decisions that will have long lasting impacts on our clean Maine air and water and on the citizens of Maine. Tapping the brakes with a moratorium will also give us time to see if AI is truly a revolutionary technology that benefits society and is here to stay or if this is an AI bubble where a few very wealthy investors are seeing profits at the expense of everyone else.

I think that the Vermont version of a moratorium is very simple and clear:  
○ Moratorium: “No person shall be permitted to operate an artificial intelligence (AI) data center or to in any way begin site preparation for or commence construction of an AI data center in this State prior to July 1, 19 2030.”

I also support your original wording of a moratorium because it seems more clear to what the purpose of this is. The revised version seems a little bit vague.

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