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## Virginia Legislators Unite for Bold and Bipartisan Data Center Reforms

RICHMOND, Va. – A coalition of bipartisan legislators unveiled a comprehensive legislative package today focused on responsible data center growth in Virginia. The reforms address critical issues, including the impact of data centers on energy infrastructure, community well-being, and environmental health.

“Data centers have been operating without guardrails in the Commonwealth, and the costs are being shouldered overwhelmingly by a handful of districts, including mine,” said **Senator Russet Perry**. “We want Virginia to remain a leader in innovation and technological advancement, but there remains a dire and pressing need to ensure the preservation of our resources and protect the pocketbooks of our constituents. It’s not easy to strike that balance, but this legislative package does just that.”

“As Virginia grows, it’s essential that we focus on policies that lower costs for families and businesses,” said **Senator Richard Stuart**. “This legislation ensures the costs of data centers are managed responsibly, fostering economic growth without placing a financial burden on Virginians.”

“This is too big an issue for partisanship—it’s about common-sense policies that promote economic growth while preserving the integrity of our communities,” said **Delegate Michael Webert**. “These reforms put Virginians first.”

“This legislation sets the groundwork for responsible innovation, ensuring that Virginia’s growth is both intentional and inclusive,” said **Delegate Michelle Maldonado**. “Every Virginian deserves to share in the benefits of economic progress without bearing disproportionate burdens. This legislation is about creating a smarter, fairer future where no one is left behind.”

“Too often, residents are left out of conversations about how data centers impact their daily lives—whether it’s increased noise, strain on infrastructure, or rising electric bills,” said **Delegate Josh Thomas**. “This legislation is about fairness—ensuring that data center projects are carefully planned, transparent, and considerate of the people who live in nearby communities.”

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"We know data centers are imposing a growing demand on the grid. My legislation will ensure they operate as efficiently as possible and increasingly run on renewable energy." said **Delegate Rip Sullivan**. "I appreciate the many efforts this session that are aimed at balancing the benefits and costs of data centers."

"The rapid pace of data center development has left too many communities feeling overwhelmed and overlooked," said **Delegate Shelly Simonds**. "This legislation will ensure that we prioritize public input and make decisions that reflect the values and needs of Virginia residents."

"As Virginia's digital economy expands, so must our commitment to responsible and transparent development," said **Congressman Suhas Subramanyam**. "This bipartisan effort ensures that we can seize economic opportunities while protecting Virginia families, businesses and the environment."

The legislative package includes measures to promote energy-efficient operations, protect communities from adverse environmental and economic impacts, and ensure transparency in the approval and development of new data center projects.

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