

Rep. Moore Omokunde: “The Data Center Pause to Protect Act truly meets our moment”

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MADISON— Today, Legislative Democrats introduced the Data Center Pause to Protect Act. State Representative Supreme Moore Omokunde (D-Milwaukee) shared the following:

“It’s past time to rip open the curtains on data center development and institute common-sense guardrails to protect everyday Wisconsinites and our environment. This legislation establishes a temporary pause on the development of large-scale data centers in Wisconsin until appropriate protections are enacted to ensure that residents, communities, and ratepayers are not harmed by unchecked development.

“Robber barons once ran roughshod over the American people, pillaging communities for their own personal gain, unchecked by the federal government. Names like Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Vanderbilt that came to define the Gilded Age. Today, we know those names as Bezos, Zuckerberg and Musk. In the late 19th century, it took everything that the federal government had to introduce crucial anti-trust legislation, a “rule of Reason,” to rein in the great excesses of the ultra-wealthy. In a time when the federal government is no longer willing to take up the mantle on anti-trust, it is up to the states to legislate on behalf of the people. The Data Center Pause to Protect Act truly meets our moment.”

Representative Moore Omokunde represents the 17th Assembly District on the North and Northwest sides of Milwaukee.