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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Steve Stivers, President & CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, following today’s announced pause of Ohio’s data center tax exemption.

“With all surrounding states having incentives in place to lure data centers that are comparable to or more expansive than our own, Ohio cannot afford to forfeit the transformational economic gains this industry yields. That’s why we are disappointed to learn of the recently announced pause on the sales and use tax exemption for data centers. This industry has positioned Ohio as a national leader in the future economy — as our Research Foundation’s [study](#) illustrates, the data center sector generates \$26.4 billion annually in total economic output, supports 95,000 total Ohio jobs, and generates a net of \$1 billion annually in state and local tax revenue.

We are committed to working with our partners in the industry, Gov. Mike DeWine, and the Ohio General Assembly to examine ways to modify the exemption that keep our state economically competitive while protecting ratepayers and complying with all local zoning regulations. With continued investments proving our state’s desirability for digital infrastructure growth, Ohio is facing a huge opportunity to lead, and making ourselves less business friendly is not the way to maximize it.”

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