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EDC members,

I urge you to oppose the mandatory benchmarking program and revisit the city's own legislative directive to establish a voluntary program. Businesses are already struggling to recover from a global pandemic and rising interest rates.

Please change the proposed ordinance mandating building energy benchmarking and tune ups (Legistar 75280) to a voluntary program. Even if the new program remains mandatory, please revise it so that it does not require reporting of proprietary information to the city government. The ordinance makes the Madison city government the holder of the reported energy data, which is not appropriate, because once the city government has the data, it can be obtained by anyone through a public records request. This data is proprietary data of the building owners and their commercial tenants and should not be made public record that can be obtained by anyone.

Thank you,
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