

# National Data Center Moratorium Now!

December 8, 2025

Dear Members of Congress:

We, the undersigned organizations collectively representing millions of people in all 50 states, call on you to support a national moratorium on the approval and construction of new data centers.

The rapid expansion of data centers across the United States, driven by the generative artificial intelligence (AI) and crypto boom, presents one of the biggest environmental and social threats of our generation. This expansion is rapidly increasing demand for energy, driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources and raising electricity prices across the country. All this compounds the significant and concerning impacts AI is having on society, including lost jobs, social instability and economic concentration.

The harms of data center growth are increasingly well-established, and they are massive. They include:

- Enormous electricity consumption: A tripling of data centers in the next five years would result in data centers consuming as much electricity as about 30 million households.
- Unsustainable water consumption: A tripling of data centers would require as much water as is used by 18.5 million households – simply for cooling the computer servers.
- Contribution to climate change: 56 percent of the electricity used to power data centers is sourced from fossil fuels.
- Skyrocketing electricity costs: Electricity rates have increased 21.3 percent from 2021 to 2024 – drastically outpacing inflation – driven largely by the rapid build-out of data centers, something that could continue to escalate over time.
- Job losses: According to an AI executive, AI could negate half of all entry-level white-collar jobs in the next five years and spike overall unemployment by up to 20 percent.

The rapid, largely unregulated rise of data centers to fuel the AI and crypto frenzy is disrupting communities across the country and threatening Americans' economic, environmental, climate and water security. We urge you to join our call for a national moratorium on new data centers until adequate regulations can be enacted to fully protect our communities, our families, our environment and our health from the runaway damage this industry is already inflicting.

For more information, contact Food & Water Watch Policy Director Jim Walsh – [jwalsh@fwwatch.org](mailto:jwalsh@fwwatch.org)

Sincerely,

## **National Organizations**

Food & Water Watch (Letter Convener)

Americans for Financial Reform

Athena Coalition

Climate Communications Coalition

Climate Defense Project

Coastal Lands Action Network (CLAN)

Consumer Watchdog

EcoAction Committee of Green Party of the  
United State

Elders Coalition for Climate Action

Frack Action

FracTracker Alliance

Friends of the Earth US

GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives)  
Grassroots Environmental Education  
Green Amendments For The Generations  
GreenLatinos  
Greenpeace USA  
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program  
John Muir Project  
Joyoushout  
National Coalition Against Cryptomining  
Oil Change International  
Oil & Gas Action Network  
Our Revolution  
Partnership for Policy Integrity  
People Power United  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)  
Progressives for Climate  
Property Rights and Pipeline Center  
Syracuse Cultural Workers  
The Science and Environmental Health Network  
U.S. Climate Action Network  
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community  
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network

### **Regional Organizations**

Berkshire Environmental Action Team  
Beyond Extreme Energy  
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes  
Columbia Riverkeeper  
Ct. River Defenders  
Delaware Riverkeeper Network  
Freshwater Future  
Friends of the Columbia Gorge  
No Pipeline Expansion Northeast  
Oregon Conservancy Foundation  
Partnership for Southern Equity  
Slingshot  
The Enviro Show

### **State Organizations**

#### **Alabama**

The Central Alabama Chapter of Climate Reality  
The People's Justice Council

#### **Arizona**

Don't Waste Arizona

#### **California**

350 Bay Area Action  
Ballona Wetlands Institute  
Community Energy reSource  
Defend Ballona Wetlands  
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County  
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy  
Media Alliance  
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples  
San Diego 350  
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network  
SoCal 350 Climate Action  
Sunflower Alliance

#### **Colorado**

Black Parents United Foundation  
CASE Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood  
Climate Reality Project - Northern Colorado Chapter  
Energy Smart Colorado  
FoCo Trash Mob, a Beyond Plastics Affiliate  
Roots to Resilience

#### **Connecticut**

Sunrise New Haven  
Sustainable Fairfield

#### **Florida**

Earth Ethics, Inc.  
First United Church of Tampa  
Forging Alliances, Inc.  
IDEAS For Us  
Regenerate Acupuncture LLC  
ReThink Energy Florida

**Georgia**

Concerned Citizens of Cook County  
Georgia WAND Education Fund Inc.  
Nuclear Watch South

**Hawaii**

350Hawaii

**Idaho**

Snake River Alliance

**Illinois**

Citizens Against Heartland Greenwashing  
Projects  
Coalition for Springfield's Utility Future  
Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines  
Eco-Justice Collaborative  
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice  
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)  
Prairie Earthlings  
Save Our Illinois Land  
Sustainable Springfield

**Indiana**

Citizens Action Coalition  
Heartwood

**Iowa**

100 Grannies  
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

**Louisiana**

For a Better Bayou  
Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate  
Coalition  
HousingLOUISIANA  
#PutHousingFirst Triad

**Maine**

Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for  
Climate Action  
Defend Our Health  
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine

**Maryland**

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist  
Environmental Justice Ministry  
Citizens for Responsible Growth  
Green Party of Montgomery County, Maryland

**Massachusetts**

350 Central Mass  
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.  
Better Future Project  
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable  
Future  
Fore River Residents Against the Compressor  
Station  
Grandmothers' Village Project, Inc.  
Resist the Pipeline  
SALEM Democratic City Committee  
Save Massachusetts Forests  
Worcester Congregations for Climate and  
Environmental Justice

**Michigan**

Citizens' Resistance At Fermi Two (CRAFT)  
Don't Waste Michigan

**Minnesota**

Climate Generation

**Mississippi**

Cherokee Concerned Citizens  
Mississippi Rising Coalition

**Nebraska**

Save Rural America

**Nevada**

Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force

**New Jersey**

Citizens United for Renewable Energy  
(CURE)  
Climate Reality Project of New Jersey  
Climate Revolution Action Network  
DivestNJ  
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition  
Interfaith Climate Action Committee, Montclair  
Area

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership  
Newark Water Coalition  
NJ Forest Watch  
Passaic River Coalition  
South Jersey Progressive Democrats

### **New Mexico**

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety  
Los Alamos Study Group

### **New York**

350Brooklyn  
350NYC  
Albany Progressive Action Network  
All Our Energy  
Alliance for a Green Economy  
Auburn Reduces  
Buy Local, Grow Local  
Campaign for Renewable Energy  
Cayuga Climate Action  
Citizen Action of New York  
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York  
Climate Families NYC  
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the  
Genesee-Finger Lakes Region  
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education  
(COPE)  
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes  
Dryden Solutions  
Finger Lakes Strong  
For the Many  
Fossil Free Tompkins  
FrackBustersNY  
Green Education and Legal Fund  
Green Party of Nassau County  
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater  
Indivisible Scarsdale  
Ithaca Democratic Socialists of America  
Little Lakes Sustainability Network  
Mother Rebels  
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club  
Newburgh Clean Water Project  
New York Communities for Change  
New York Progressive Action Network  
No Data Center FLX

North Tonawanda Climate Smart Communities  
Task Force  
NYPAN Enviro Committee  
ORBC  
Reach Out America  
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga  
(RAFT)  
Rise and Resist  
Safe Energy Rights Group  
Sane Energy Project  
Seneca Lake Guardian  
Show Up LI  
South Shore Audubon Society  
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion  
(SAPE)  
Sunrise NYC  
Sustainable Finger Lakes  
Third Act NYC  
Third Act Upstate NY  
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative  
United For Clean Energy  
Westchester for Change  
Zero Waste Ithaca

### **North Carolina**

350 Triangle  
7 Directions of Service  
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League  
Center for Progressive Reform  
NC Climate Justice Collective  
NC Environmental Justice Organization  
NC WARN  
River Guardian Foundation

### **Ohio**

AW Area Community Response Awareness  
Group  
Between the Waters  
Central Ohio Green Education Fund  
Communities United for Action  
FreshWater Accountability Project  
Ohio Nuclear Free Network  
Ohio Valley Environmental Advocates  
Save Ohio Parks

**Oregon**

Extinction Rebellion PDX  
Oregon PSR  
Tank the Tanks  
United Neighbor of Oregon Coalition

**Pennsylvania**

Berks Gas Truth  
Better Path Coalition  
Clean Air Action  
Climate Reality Project, Lehigh Valley Chapter  
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley  
PA Chapter  
Concerned Health Professionals of  
Pennsylvania  
McKean County Green Party  
Mountain Watershed Association  
Move Past Plastic (MPP)  
Pennsylvania Action on Climate  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Pennsylvania  
Save our Susquehanna

**South Carolina**

Sustaining Way

**South Dakota**

Dakota Rural Action

**Texas**

Climate Conversation Brazoria County  
Frontera Water Protectors  
Hold the Line Campaign  
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Turtle Island Restoration Network

**Virginia**

ARTivism Virginia

**Washington**

Seattle Democratic Socialists of America -  
Ecosocialism Working Group

**Wisconsin**

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

**West Virginia**

West Virginia Citizen Action Group