

March 2, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul and Legislators:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to support legislation establishing a temporary statewide moratorium on the approval and construction of new data centers in New York (S. 9144 / A. 10141).

The explosive growth of data centers is one of the biggest affordability and environmental threats of our generation. This expansion is rapidly increasing demand for energy, driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources and raising electricity prices. All this compounds the significant and concerning impacts data centers are having on society, including lost jobs, social instability, and concentration of wealth.

The scale and speed of data center development have accelerated so quickly that government has not had the time or space to systematically evaluate the impacts and put thoughtful guardrails in place. As a result, key economic and environmental questions remain unresolved, and communities are being asked to absorb risks before clear standards are established.

In the meantime, the evidence of massive harms caused by data centers continues to mount. In New York, the energy demand of proposed new data centers is double the use of all New York households combined. This threatens to result in a huge and costly expansion of fracked gas pipelines and power plants. Historically, fossil fuel and nuclear infrastructure that would be built to support data centers has been sited in low-income and Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities already burdened by environmental injustice.

The threat of skyrocketing electric bills is particularly troubling. New York experienced a 43 percent increase in residential rates between 2020 and 2025. The rapid build-out of data centers risks exacerbating this harmful trend, driving up energy bills for New Yorkers while undermining the ability to meet our legally-mandated climate goals and burdening our communities with enormous water withdrawals, all while creating few permanent jobs.

The rapid, largely unregulated rise of data centers to fuel the AI and crypto frenzy is disrupting communities across New York and threatening New Yorkers' economic, environmental, climate and water security. We urge you to support S. 9144 / A. 10141, which establishes a temporary statewide moratorium on new data centers until their harms can be fully assessed and understood and adequate new laws and 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.

Please support and help pass S. 9144 / A. 10141.

Thank you for your consideration.

Food & Water Watch

350Brooklyn

350NYC

ACE Productions

Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE)

Bright Building LLC

Buy Local Grow Local

Campaign for Renewable Energy

Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now

Center for Oil & Gas Organizing

Chris Dennis Environment Foundation

Citizen Action of New York

Climate Crisis Working Group (IMV)

Climate Families NYC

Climate Justice Alliance

Climate Reality Finger Lakes Greater Region
NY Chapter

Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes

Community Advocates for a Sustainable
Environment

Compressor Free Franklin

Concerned Residents of Oxford

Council of Chelsea Block Associations, Inc.

Data & Society

Dominican Sisters of Sparkil

EarthCare Animal Ministry Unity of Buffalo

Elders Coalition for Climate Action

First Draft Farm Nursery

First United Methodist Church (Oneonta)

FLX Strong

For the Many

Fossil Free Tompkins

Frack Action

Freshwater Future

Friendship Donations Network

Grassroots Environmental Education

Green Party of Nassau County

Greenpeace USA

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater

Hudson Valley Climate Science and
Solutions

Indivisible Adk Saratoga

Indivisible New Rochelle

Indivisible NYCD15/16

Indivisible Scarsdale

Indivisible YorktownNY

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy
Program

Interfaith Climate Justice Community

Ithaca Democratic Socialists of America

Little Lakes Sustainability Network

London Terrace Tenants Association
(Manhattan)

Long Island Progressive Coalition

Make the Road NY

MediaJustice

Middlefield Neighbors

Milford Doers

Mothers Out Front Dutchess County
Mothers Rebellion - Tompkins
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
National Coalition Against Cryptomining and
AI Data Centers
Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow
New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
New York Sustainable Business Council
Newburgh Clean Water Project
No Data Center FLX
North Tonawanda Climate Smart
Communities Task Force
NY CD16/15 Indivisible
NY Renews Coalition
NYC-DSA Ecosocialists Working Group
NYC-DSA Tech Action
NYPIRG
Open Data Collaboratives
PAUSE
Peace Action New York State
People for a Healthy Environment
PODER
PSL-Finger Lakes
Progressive Democrats of America
Putnam Progressives
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga
Rise and Resist
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith
ROAR (Religious Organizations Along the
River)
Rooted Acres LLC
Rose Hollow Design Inc
Seneca Lake Guardian
Sisters of Charity of New York
South Shore Audubon Society
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion

Sustainable Finger Lakes
Sustainable Putnam
The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
The Climate Reality Project, Western New
York Chapter
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Three Parks Independent Democrats
Tompkins County Climate Protection
Initiative
Transition Town Port Washington
Ursulines of the Roman Union, Eastern
Province
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Westchester Citizen Therapists (Indivisible)
Westchester for Change
Women's Political Action Group
Women's Political Action Group of Ithaca