

June 23, 2026

Dear Energy and Commerce, Energy Subcommittee Chair Latta and Ranking Member Castor:

We write to oppose the package of grid and large load legislation scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, June 25 by the Subcommittee on Energy. Taken together, these bills create a policy framework centered on facilitating the expansion of large electricity projects needed to accommodate large scale data centers, while neglecting to address the broader costs and cumulative impacts of data center growth on communities. While some of these bills may protect consumers from certain direct utility costs, they risk creating a false impression that Congress is creating a comprehensive framework to protect consumers and the public from data centers expansion.

The bills—including the "Ratepayer Protection Act" (H.R.9340), the "Protecting Families from AI Data Center Energy Costs Act" (H.R. 6529), the "Load Forecasting Enhancement Act" (H.R. 9332), the "Affordable Innovation for the Grid Act" (H.R. 9339), the "Advanced Transmission Technology to Reduce Rates Act" (H.R. 9335), Expanding Generator Interconnection Procedures Act of 2025, and the "High-Capacity Grid Act" (H.R. 6633)--largely ignore issues impacting people across the country including growing water demand and water scarcity, rising water and wastewater infrastructure costs, increasing air and water pollution, loss of farmland, forests, wildlife habitat, and other undeveloped land and the cumulative effects of concentrated data center development on communities, local ecosystems, public health and quality of life. In reality, these bills are likely to facilitate more data center projects by addressing challenges facing utilities and data centers – rather than the public – such as reducing financial uncertainty for utilities, limiting environmental reviews, and creating a policy framework centered on accommodating rapidly growing electricity demand from data centers.

Congress should not be advancing policies that make it easier to accommodate growth in data center demand, while leaving the public and ratepayers exposed to the significant harms and costs of mega data center development. Congress would better serve the public by putting a pause on the unfettered expansion of data centers and their energy infrastructure until we understand the full impacts of these projects and have a comprehensive framework to protect the public and our natural resources from them.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Food & Water Watch
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Oil & Gas Organizing
Center for Progressive Reform
Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Defenders
Climate Justice Alliance
Cyber x Climate
DNC Council on the Environment and Climate Crisis
Earthworks
Endangered Species Coalition
EOPA Code Blue

Frack Action
Friends of the Earth US
Grassroots Environmental Education
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility
National Coalition Against Cryptomining
Next 100 Coalition
Nuclear Information and Resource Service
Oil and Gas Action Network
Oil Change International
Our Revolution
Pelea Movement
People Power United
People's Tech Project
Popular Democracy
Progressive Democrats of America
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Rachel Carson Council
Syracuse Cultural Workers
Tech Justice Law
Third Act
Third Act Lawyers
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice
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State and Local Organizations

Action Together New Jersey
ADOS Mississippi
AFGE Local 704
Animals Are Sentient Beings, Inc.
Bark
Berks Climate Action
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Better Path Coalition
Beyond Plastics Sullivan County
BRAINchild Media
Breathe Easy Susquehanna County
Bucks Environmental Action
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Canton Residents for a Sustainable Equitable Future
Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Environmental Justice Ministry
Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance
Change Begins With ME Indivisible
Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Cherry Hill Democratic Committee
Church Women United in New York State
Citizen Action of New York
Citizens Action Coalition of IN

Citizens Against Greenwashing Projects
Citizens Against Heartland Greenwashing Projects
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping
Clean Water for NC
CleanAIRE NC
Climate Crisis Working Group Moore
Climate Revolution Action Network
Coal Free Curtis Bay
Columbus Institute for Contemporary Journalism
Community Land and Power
Compressor Free Franklin
Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Concerned Citizens of Cook County
CooperstownOneonta Indivisible
Dan Riverkeeper
DataMassage Amalgamated Virtual Industries, LLC
Democracy Out Loud Indivisible
Des Moines County Farmers and Neighbors for Optimal Health
Earth Ethics, Inc.
EarthCare Animal Ministry at Unity of Buffalo
East Biloxi Food Market - CEO
Eco-Environmental Solutions
Eco-Justice Collaborative
Edgecombe Neighbors for Data Center Accountability
Edgecombe Neighbors for Data Center Accountability (ENDCA)
Empower NJ
Environmental Concerns Committee, Kendal at Oberlin, OH 44074
Fight Chihuahuan Desert Xtraction - FCDX
FoCo Trash Mob
FORE RIVER RESIDENTS AGAINST COMPRESSOR STATION
Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice
Franciscan Peace Center, Clinton, Iowa
Franklin Free
FreshWater Accountability Project
Full Beam, LLC
Green State Solutions
Heartwood
Human Nature
Indivisible Gulf Coast MS
Indivisible Lambertville/New Hope
Indivisible North Central CT
Indivisible Rockland
Indivisible San Jose
Indivisible Small & Mighty
Indivisible Stanislaus
Indivisible49
Intertwined Faith Community
Jackson Heights Indivisible
Julian Indivisible
Justice FOR Water
Kindred Micro Farms

Latino Action Network
Local Clean Energy Alliance
Los Alamos Study Group
Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership
Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network
Merchantville Democratic Committee
Mi Tierra Farm LLC
Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition
Milford Doers
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Mississippi Gulf Coast Mutual Aid Collective
Mississippi People's Movement
Mississippi Rising Coalition
Move Past Plastic
MoveOn.org HobokenRESIST!
NC Environmental Justice Network
NEPA Green Coalition
New Jersey Voters Want More Say, Indivisible
New Mexico Climate Justice
New Mexico Environmental Law Center
New York Progressive Action Network
New York Unitarian Universalist Justice
No Desert Data Center Coalition
No Pipeline Expansion-Northeast (NOPE)
No Rowan Data Centers Community Group
North Tonawanda Climate Smart Task Force
Ohio Valley Environmental Advocates
Oregon Agricultural Trust
Oregon Rural Action
Otsego 2000, Inc.
Our Power
PA Stands Up
People for a Healthy Environment
People Over Pipelines
Physicians for Social Responsibility Arizona Chapter
Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania
Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast
Plainfields Area Indivisible
Planet A Cafe and Bistro, LLC
Port Arthur Community Action Network(PACAN)
Progressive Schenectady
Protect Our Streams
Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights (POWHR)
RAFT
Residents United for a Healthy Lowell
Respiratory Health Association
Rise Up WV
River Guardian Foundation
Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim Crow
Roloff Farms
San Diego Indivisible

Save Our Illinois Land
Saving Maysville
Science for Georgia
Seneca Lake Guardian
SETX Impact Initiative
Snake River Alliance
SoCal 350 Climate Action
SONA Action Climate
South County Environmental Justice Coalition
South Jersey Progressive Democrats
Southwest Virginia Data Center Transparency Alliance
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion
Stop the Pipeline
Strong Towns (North Plains chapter)
Sussex Health & Environmental network
Sustainable Hyattsville
Sustainable Sullivan
Teaneck Creek Conservancy
Temple Bnai Israel
Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services
The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
The Climate Reality Project CT Chapter
The Climate Reality Project, North Broward and Palm Beach County, FL Chapter
The Lilies Project
The Piedmont Environmental Council
The Wei LLC
Therapists for Peace & Justice
Third Act Arizona
Third Act Connecticut
Third Act Georgia
Third Act Maryland
Third Act Massachusetts
Third Act New Jersey
Third Act New Jersey
Third Act North Carolina
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Three Rivers Waterkeeper
Troublemakers
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Tucker United
Turtle Island Restoration Network
TWW/Indivisible-Los Gatos
Unitarian Universalist Church of Cherry Hill (UUCCH)
UU Catskills Climate Action Team
Valle Imperial Resiste
Veterans For Peace
Women's International League of Peace and Freedom-Triangle Branch
Youth United for Climate Crisis Action
350 Bay Area Action
350 Triangle

350 Wisconsin
350 Hawaii
350 NYC