

June 11, 2026

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. This pollution often harms communities of color, Tribal Nations, Indigenous Peoples, and poor or working-class communities.
- **Impact on Tribal Nations and Indigenous Sovereignty:** data centers built on Tribal lands are a major strain on physical and governmental resources. In addition, generative AI negatively impacts culture and sovereignty by often misrepresenting Tribal languages and history.
- **Skyrocketing electricity costs:** average residential electricity prices in the U.S. soared 31 percent from 2020 to 2025, compared to just 4 percent from 2015 to 2020. This is 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.

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Actions Lab of Third Act
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
Americans for Financial Reform
Athena Coalition
Biofuelwatch
Center for Constitutional Rights
Center for Food Safety
Center for Oil & Gas Organizing
Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy (CASSE)
Clean Energy Action
Clean Water Action
Climate and Community Institute
Climate Communications Coalition
Climate Defenders
Climate Defense Project
Coastal Lands Action Network (CLAN)
Consumer Watchdog
Dream Tank
Eco-Integrity Alliance
EcoAction Committee of Green Party of the United State
Ekō
Elders Coalition for Climate Action
Endangered Species Coalition
Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics, and Ecology (FUSEE)
Food & Water Watch
Frack Action
FracTracker Alliance
Friends of the Earth US
GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives)
Good Jobs First
Grassroots Environmental Education
Green Amendments For The Generations
GreenFaith USA
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Hip Hop Caucus
Honor the Earth
Institute for Local Self-Reliance

Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
John Muir Project
Joyoushout
MediaJustice
Ocean Conservation Research
Oil & Gas Action Network
Oil Change International
Our Revolution
Partnership for Policy Integrity
Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales
Pelea Movement
People Power United
People's Action Institute
People's Tech Project
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Popular Democracy in Action
Power Shift Project
Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)
Progressives for Climate
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Rachel Carson Council
Save EPA
Stand.earth
Syracuse Cultural Workers
The Science and Environmental Health Network
Third Act
Third Act Faith
Third Act Lawyers
Third Act Union
Turtle Island Restoration Network
U.S. Climate Action Network
Unitarian Universalist Association
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
WildEarth Guardians
Wildlife for All
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network
Young, Gifted & Green

Regional Organizations

American Federation of Government
Employees Local 704
Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Beyond Extreme Energy
Buy Local, Grow Local
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
Columbia Riverkeeper
CT River Defenders
Damascus Citizens for Sustainability
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Empower Our Future
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Heartwood
Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition
No Pipeline Expansion Northeast
Partnership for Southern Equity
Protect Our Water, Heritage, Rights
(POWHR)
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary -
Eastern American Area
Slingshot
Southeast Climate and Energy Network
SouthWings
The Alliance for Appalachia
The Enviro Show

Alaska

Alaskans Against Data Centers
Native Movement

Alabama

Clean, Healthy, Educated, Safe &
Sustainable Community, Inc.
The Central Alabama Chapter of Climate
Reality
The People's Justice Council

Arkansas

Central Arkansas Citizens Against AI Data
Centers

Arizona

Don't Waste Arizona

Freedom Rings Indivisible
Navajo County Indivisible Community
Third Act Arizona
Watershed Management Group

California

1000 Grandmothers for Future Generations
350 Bay Area Action
Ballona Wetlands Institute
Bay Area Third Act
Black Women for Wellness Action project
California Nurses for Environmental Health
& Justice (CNEHJ)
Community Energy reSource
Defend Ballona Wetlands
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
Fossil Free California
Human Nature
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra
Costa County
Local Clean Energy Alliance
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy
Media Alliance
Our Revolution East Bay
Protect Playa Now
Reclaim Our Power: Utility Justice
Campaign
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous
Peoples
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social
Responsibility
SanDiego350
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Sunflower Alliance
The Climate Alliance
Therapists for Peace & Justice
Third Act Sacramento
Third Act SoCal
Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of
California

Colorado

Black Parents United Foundation

Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable
Englewood
Climate Reality Project - Northern Colorado
Chapter
CO Dem. Party - Energy & Environment
Committee
Energy Smart Colorado
FoCo Trash Mob, a Beyond Plastics Affiliate
Roots to Resilience
Third Act Colorado
Unite NorthMetro Denver

Connecticut

Sunrise New Haven
Sustainable Fairfield
Third Act Connecticut

District of Columbia

Third Act - Washington DC

Delaware

Sussex Health & Environmental Network

Florida

Climate Reality Project, North Broward and
Palm Beach County, FL Chapter
Earth Ethics, Inc.
First United Church of Tampa
Forging Alliances, Inc.
IDEAS For Us
Regenerate Acupuncture LLC
ReThink Energy Florida
Third Act Florida

Georgia

Concerned Citizens of Cook County (Georgia)
Fulton Citizens Commission on the
Environment
Georgia Conservation Voters
Georgia WAND Education Fund Inc.
Nuclear Watch South
Satilla Riverkeeper
Third Act Georgia

Hawaii

350Hawaii
Our Revolution Hawaii

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
Friends of Bell Smith Springs
Nuclear Energy Information Service
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
Prairie earthlings
Save Our Illinois Land
Sustainable Springfield
Third Act Illinois

Indiana

Citizens Action Coalition
Common People
Greater Troy Neighborhood Association
Heartwood
Indiana Rural Summit
Just Transition Northwest Indiana
Livable Fort Wayne
No Data Centers Hobart Indiana
No Data Centers in Madison County
Plantiful Apothecary
Protect - Grant County Indiana
Protect Allen County
Protect Decatur Township
Protect Henry County
Protect Morgan County
ProtectFT
Shelby county citizens against data centers
Southwestern Indiana Citizens for Quality of
Life
White County Indiana Against Data Centers

Iowa

100 Grannies
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Iowa Unitarian Universalist
Witness/Advocacy Network

Kentucky

BLM Louisville
Community Advocates for a Sustainable
Environment
Food in Neighborhoods Community
Coalition
Joi for Kentucky
Louisville Climate Action Network

Louisiana

For a Better Bayou
Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate
Coalition
HousingLOUISIANA
Put Housing First Triad

Maine

Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for
Climate Action
Defend Our Health
Maine Unitarian Universalist State
Advocacy Network
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine
Third Act Maine

Maryland

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist
Environmental Justice Ministry
Citizens for Responsible Growth
Envision Frederick County
Green Party of Montgomery County,
Maryland
Protect Our Streams
Third Act Maryland

Massachusetts

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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
Third Act Massachusetts
Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
Unitarian Universalist Massachusetts Action
Network
Worcester Congregations for Climate and
Environmental Justice

Michigan

Citizens' Resistance At Fermi Two (CRAFT)
Don't Waste Michigan
Freshwater Future
Motown Umoja
Residents United for a Healthy Lowell
Third Act Michigan

Minnesota

Climate Generation
Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
Third Act Minnesota

Mississippi

Cherokee Concerned Citizens
EAST BILOXI FOOD MARKET
Gulf Coast Humanists
Indivisible Gulf Coast MS
Indivisible Northeast Mississippi
Indivisible Northeast MS
Mississippi for a Just World
Mississippi Rising Coalition
One Coast United Church of Christ
Peaceful Earth Collective
People's Advocacy Institute
Saint Fannie's LLC

Montana

Not My Bill

Nebraska

Save Rural America

Nevada

Great Basin Water Network

Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force

Third Act Nevada

New Hampshire

350 New Hampshire

Healthy Home Habitats

Third Act New Hampshire

Unitarian Universalist Action New

Hampshire

New Jersey

350NJ-Rockland

ACTION TOGETHER NEW JERSEY

Camden for Clean Air

Center for Environmental Transformation

Central Jersey Coalition Against Endless War

Citizens United for Renewable Energy (CURE)

Climate Reality Project - NJ

Climate Revolution Action Network

Coalition to Ban Unsafe Oil Trains

DivestNJ

Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition

EcoPoetry.org

Empower NJ

Faith in New Jersey

Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association

GreenFaith NJ

Interfaith Climate Action Committee,

Montclair Area

JC Heights Parents

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership

Make the Road New Jersey

Merchantville Democratic Committee

MoveOn.org Hoboken RESIST!

New Jersey Citizen Action

New Jersey Highlands Coalition

New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

New Jersey Poor People's Campaign

Newark Water Coalition

NJ Forest Watch

NJ Working Families Alliance

North Jersey Pipeline Walkers

Operation Grow Inc.

Passaic River Coalition

Piscataway Youth Progressive Organization

Progressive Democrats of America, NJ Chapter

Salvation and Social Justice

Social Action Committee of Temple Emeth

Social Action Committee of the Ethical

Culture Society of Essex County

SOMA Action Climate

South Jersey Democratic Socialists of America

South Jersey Progressive Democrats

SUSTAIN SJ

The Wei LLC

Third Act New Jersey

Unitarian Universalist FaithAction NJ

Waterspirit

New Mexico

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety

Frack Free New Mexico

GreenLatinos New Mexico

Los Alamos Study Group

New Mexico Environmental Law Center

Third Act New Mexico

New York

350Brooklyn

350NYC

Albany Progressive Action Network

All Our Energy

Alliance for a Green Economy

Alliance for a Nuclear Free New York

Auburn Reduces

Beyond Plastics Sullivan County NY

Brooklyn Resisters
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care
Coalition
Cayuga Climate Action
Cayuga Lake Environmental Action Now
Center for Independence of the Disabled,
New York (CIDNY)
Chris Dennis Environment Foundation
Church Women United in New York State
Citizen Action of New York
Climate Action Team UU Catskills
Climate Crisis Working Group (Indivisible
Mohawk Valley)
Climate Families NYC
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the
Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education
(COPE)
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
Datacenter Crisis Coalition of NY/NJ
Downtown Nasty Women Social Group
Dryden Solutions
EarthCare Animal Ministry at Unity of
Buffalo
Finger Lakes Strong
FLX Strong
For the Many
Fossil Free Tompkins
FrackBustersNY
Fridays For Future NYC
Green Education and Legal Fund
Green Party of Nassau County
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Indivisible Brooklyn
Indivisible Rockland
Indivisible Scarsdale
Interfaith Climate Justice Community
Ithaca Democratic Socialists of America
Little Lakes Sustainability Network
Make the Road New York
Mother Rebels
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
National Coalition Against Cryptomining

New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
New York Unitarian Universalist Justice
Newburgh Clean Water Project
No Data Center FLX
North Tonawanda Climate Smart
Communities Task Force
Northeast Queens Indivisible
NY Renews
NYC-DSA Tech Action
NYPAN Enviro Committee
NYPIRG
ORBC
Owasco Lake Watershed Management
Council
Putnam Progressives
Reach Out America
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga
(RAFT)
Ridgewood Queens Indivisible
Rise and Resist
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith
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
Sustainable Sullivan
The Clean Air Coalition of Western New
York
The New York State Council of Churches
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Three Parks Independent Democrats
Tompkins County Climate Protection
Initiative
Tusten Heritage Community Garden Inc
United For Clean Energy
UU Congregation of Binghamton, Green
Sanctuary

We Are One Sullivan
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Westchester for Change
Women's Political Action Group
Zero Waste Ithaca

North Carolina

350 Triangle
7 Directions of Service
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Cape Fear River Watch
Center for Progressive Reform
Chatham Research Group
Clean Water for North Carolina
Community Land and Power
Democracy Out Loud Indivisible
Down Home North Carolina
EcoGreenQueen
Edgecombe Neighbors for Data Center
Accountability
NC Alliance to Protect Our People and the
Places We Live
NC Climate Justice Collective
NC Climate Solutions Coalition
NC Environmental Justice Network
NC WARN
New Hope Community Development Group
Protect Wake County Coalition
River Guardian Foundation
Third Act North Carolina
Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry of
North Carolina
Warren County Environmental Action Team
West End Revitalization Association
Women's International League for Peace
and Freedom-Triangle

North Dakota

Flatbed Firewood

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
Third Act Ohio

Oregon

Bark
Breach Collective
Extinction Rebellion PDX
Oregon Conservancy Foundation
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Rural Action
Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for
Justice
Tank the Tanks
United Neighbor of Oregon Coalition

Pennsylvania

Berks Climate Action
Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Bucks Environmental Action
Center for Coalfield Justice
Clean Air Action
Clean Air Council
Climate Reality Project, Lehigh Valley
Chapter
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna
Valley PA Chapter
Concerned Health Professionals of
Pennsylvania
Greenfire Coalition Writers' Forum
Home Grown
Independent Democratic Coalition of NEPA
Intertwined Faith Community
McKean County Green Party
Mountain Watershed Association
Move Past Plastic
Move Past Plastic (MPP)
NEPA Green Coalition
No False Climate Solutions PA

North Braddock Residents For Our Future
North Pocono Citizens for Responsible
Growth
Our Revolution Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Action on Climate
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pennsylvania
Prevent East Vincent Data Center
Development
Project CoffeeHouse
Protect PT (Penn-Trafford)
Responsible Decarbonization Alliance
Save our Susquehanna
Save Slippery Rock Creek
Schuylkill Pipeline Awareness
Third Act Pennsylvania
Three Rivers Waterkeeper

Rhode Island

Climate Action Rhode Island · 350 RI

South Carolina

Sustaining Way

South Dakota

Dakota Rural Action

Tennessee

Memphis Community Against Pollution
Tennessee Unitarian Universalist
Community Action Network
Third Act Tennessee

Texas

Climate Conversation Brazoria County
Extinction Rebellion TX
Frontera Water Protectors
Hays County Young Democrats
Hold the Line Campaign
Panhandle 1st Coalition
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility
Third Act Texas

Utah

Scenic Utah
Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment

Vermont

Third Act Vermont

Virginia

ARTivism Virginia
New Virginia Majority
Third Act Virginia
Virginia Organizing
Virginia Unitarian Universalist State Action
Network

Washington

JUJustice Washington
Puget Soundkeeper
Seattle Democratic Socialists of America -
Ecosocialism Working Group
Southend Indivisible
The Natural History Museum / Not An
Alternative
Third Act Washington
Troublemakers
Trout Unlimited - Washington Chapter

West Virginia

Citizen Action of Wisconsin
Mennonites for Sustainable Economic
Development
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Project Outreach: Frac Sand Sentinel
Third Act Wisconsin
Wisconsin Unitarian Universalist State
Action Network

Wisconsin

Rise Up WV
West Virginia Citizen Action Group