

July 13, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul:

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to immediately sign the Responsible Data Center Development Act (S10642 / A11560) into law to protect our communities from an onslaught of data centers.

The explosive growth of data centers is one of the worst affordability and environmental threats confronting New York. This expansion risks rapidly increasing demand for energy, undermining electric grid reliability, raising utility bills, driving more fossil fuel pollution, straining water resources, devouring land, and creating unbearable noise for impacted communities.

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 average energy use of all our households combined. This threatens a huge and costly expansion of fracked gas pipelines and power plants. Dirty energy infrastructure is often sited in low-income and Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities already burdened by asthma and environmental injustice.

The risk 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 would exacerbate this trend, driving up our bills while undermining the ability to meet our legally-mandated climate goals and burdening communities with enormous water withdrawals, dangerous noise levels, and massive quantities of pollution and waste, while creating few permanent jobs.

The Responsible Data Center Development Act contains noteworthy reforms, including water protections and labor standards. It requires the completion of an environmental impact report that would inform additional rules and regulations. Most importantly, the bill presses the pause button, establishing a one-year moratorium on new data centers, protecting our communities from their rampant destruction.

This is a local issue with statewide costs and consequences. Across the state, from Buffalo to Brookhaven, New Yorkers and Indigenous communities are uniting to fight proposed data centers in their communities. We cannot leave it to our cities and towns to struggle against one of the world's wealthiest, most powerful, and most complex industries. We need statewide policies and state-level leadership.

Please sign the Responsible Data Center Development Act now.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Albany UU Green Sanctuary Team

All Our Energy

Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE)

Believe in Black Rock

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace

Beyond Plastics Sullivan County

Bi-State Datacenter Crisis Coalition NY/NJ

Brookhaven Landfill and Remediation Action group

Campaign for Renewable Energy

Capital District Community Energy, Inc.

Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care Coalition

Cayuga Lake Watershed Network

Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)

Center for Oil & Gas Organizing

Church Women United in New York State

Citizen Action of New York

Citizens for Lysander

Climate Families NYC

Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes

Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment

Dominica Sisters of Sparkill

Elders Coalition for Climate Action

Finger Lakes Justice Partnership

Finger Lakes Peoples Union

Food & Water Watch

For the Many

Fourth Universalist Society in the City of New York

Frack Action

FracTracker Alliance

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Grape Belt Community Group

Grassroots Environmental Education

Green Education and Legal Fund

Green Map System

Green Party of Nassau County

GreenFaith

Greenpeace USA

Indivisible Brooklyn

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Indivisible Tompkins

Interfaith Climate Justice Community

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Jackson Heights Indivisible

Jewish Climate Action Network NYC

League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County

Little Lakes Sustainability Network

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Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club

New York Communities for Change

New York Progressive Action Network

New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)
Nickel City Alchemy
No Kings Collective Albany
Northeast Queens Indivisible
NY Renews
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NYC-DSA Ecosocialist Working Group
Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council
Party for Socialism and Liberation - Upstate NY
PAUSE (People of Albany United for Safe Energy)
Peace Action New York State
Progressive Democrats of America
PUSH Buffalo
Putnam Progressives
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary - Eastern American Area
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga (RAFT)
Rise and Resist
Rivers & Mountains GreenFaith
Rochester Area Interfaith Climate Action (RAICA)
Safe Energy Rights Group
Sane Energy Project
Seneca Lake Guardian
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of the Presentation
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Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion

Sunrise Movement NYC
Susquehanna: The People's River
Sustainable Finger Lakes
The Clean Air Coalition of WNY
The Traveling Campfire
Third Act NYC
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Three Parks Independent Democrats
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative
Transition Town Port Washington
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