

October 1, 2026

Dear Governor Hochul,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge your administration to undertake a broader, more extensive effort to engage the public in the Draft Scope for Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) related to Executive Order 62. Specifically, we are calling for a public comment period of at least 120 days and for both in-person and online public hearings. The risks of rushing this process, as your timeline would do, are too dangerous to not allow the concerns of New Yorkers to be heard.

The rampant expansion of data centers is one of the worst affordability and environmental threats facing New York. It poses numerous, costly, and far-ranging impacts to our health, quality of life, and communities. In the face of the realities of these impacts – including soaring utility bills, massive demand for energy and water, and harmful noise levels – New Yorkers across the state demanded a pause on this dangerous buildout.

We appreciate your leadership in pressing the pause button on new data centers with your July 14 executive order. Now you must expand the opportunities for New Yorkers to fully weigh in on this critical question: What are the costs and impacts of data centers that should be examined? This information is essential for determining how and how much they threaten our families and our communities.

We urge you to extend the comment period an additional 90 days beyond the current October 20 deadline and to hold in-person and online public hearings in regions across the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Food & Water Watch
1199 Service Employees International Union
Citizen Action of New York
Earthjustice
For the Many
GreenFaith
Greenpeace USA
League of Women Voters of New York State
Long Island Progressive Coalition
New York Communities for Change
New York Lawyers for the Public Interest
NY Renews

NYPIRG
PUSH Buffalo
Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter

350Brooklyn
350NYC
Albany Unitarian Universalist Society Green Sanctuary Team
All Our Energy
Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE)
Buffalo Geothermal LLC
Campaign for a Nuclear-Free North Country
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Capital District DSA
Capital Region Interfaith Creation Care Coalition
Cayuga Lake Scenic Byway, Inc.
Cayuga Lake Watershed Network
CCoHope Indivisible Environment Committee
Center for Independence of the Disabled, New York (CIDNY)
Church Women United in New York State
Citizens Awareness Network
Citizens for Lysander
Climate Crisis Working Group (IMV)
Climate Families NYC
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline
Community Advocates for a Sustainable Environment
Community Science Institute, Inc.
Concerned Residents of Oxford
Council on Intelligent Energy & Conservation Policy Environ
Court Nativity of Our Lady #931, CDA
Datacenter Crisis Coalition NY/NJ
Dominican Sisters of Sparkill
EarthCare Animal Ministry at Unity Buffalo
Environmental Justice Ministry of First Unitarian of Rochester
Finger Lakes Justice Partnership
Finger Lakes Peoples Union
First Unitarian of Rochester, New York
FLX Craft Beverage Environmental Coalition
FLX Strong
Fossil Free Tompkins
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FrackBusters NY
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Freshwater Future
Friendship Donations Network
Grassroots Environmental Education
Green Party of Nassau County
Green Party of New York
HabitatMap
HALCO Home Solutions
HANAC, Inc
Indivisible Brooklyn
Indivisible Rockland
Indivisible Scarsdale
IndivisibleADK/Saratoga climate team
Interfaith Climate Justice Community
International Business Consulting at Cornell
Inwood Indivisible
Jackson Heights Indivisible
Jewish Climate Action Network NYC (JCAN)
Keep Indian Point Shut Down
League of Women Voters of St. Lawrence County
LES Ecology Center
Little Lakes Sustainability Network
Make the Road New York
MediaJustice
Milford Doers
Mothers Out Front Dutchess County
Mothers Out Front- Westchester Rivertowns
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation
Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow
New York Climate Action Group
New York Progressive Action Network
Newburgh Clean Water Project
No Data Center FLX
North American Climate, Conservation and Environment(NACCE)
NYC Friends of Clearwater
Owasco Lake Watershed Management Council
PAUSE (People of Albany United for Safe Energy)
People for a Healthy Environment
People of Albany United for Safe Energy
Physicians for Social Responsibility - KC

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Putnam Progressives
RAFT (Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga)
Religious Organizations Along the Hudson (ROAR)
Ridgewood Queens Indivisible
Rise and Resist
Rockland Coalition to End the New Jim Crow
Safe Energy Rights Group
Sane Energy Project
Seneca Lake Guardian
Show Up LI
Sisters of Charity of New York
Sisters of O.L. of Christian Doctrine
Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY
South Shore Audubon Society
Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion (SAPE)
Sunrise NYC
Sustainable Finger Lakes
Sustainable Putnam
Syracuse Cultural Workers
The Climate Reality Project: NYS Chapters Coalition
The Grape Belt Community Group
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Three Parks Independent Democrats
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative
Transition Town Port Washington
Udja Temple
United for Clean Energy
Urbecon
Ursulines of the Roman Union - Eastern Province
UU Congregation of Binghamton, Green Sanctuary
WESPAC Foundation, Inc.
Western New York Drilling Defense
Western New York Environmental Alliance
Women's Political Action Group