

National Data Center Moratorium Now!

December 8, 2025

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.
- Skyrocketing electricity costs: Electricity rates have increased 21.3 percent from 2021 to 2024 – drastically outpacing inflation – 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.

For more information, contact Food & Water Watch Policy Director Jim Walsh – jwalsh@fwwatch.org

Sincerely,

National Organizations

Food & Water Watch (Letter Convener)

Americans for Financial Reform

Athena Coalition

Climate Communications Coalition

Climate Defense Project

Coastal Lands Action Network (CLAN)

Consumer Watchdog

EcoAction Committee of Green Party of the
United State

Elders Coalition for Climate Action

Frack Action

FracTracker Alliance

Friends of the Earth US

GAIA (Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives)
Grassroots Environmental Education
Green Amendments For The Generations
GreenLatinos
Greenpeace USA
Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program
John Muir Project
Joyoushout
National Coalition Against Cryptomining
Oil Change International
Oil & Gas Action Network
Our Revolution
Partnership for Policy Integrity
People Power United
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Progressive Democrats of America (PDA)
Progressives for Climate
Property Rights and Pipeline Center
Syracuse Cultural Workers
The Science and Environmental Health Network
U.S. Climate Action Network
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community
Women's Earth and Climate Action Network

Regional Organizations

Berkshire Environmental Action Team
Beyond Extreme Energy
Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes
Columbia Riverkeeper
Ct. River Defenders
Delaware Riverkeeper Network
Freshwater Future
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
No Pipeline Expansion Northeast
Oregon Conservancy Foundation
Partnership for Southern Equity
Slingshot
The Enviro Show

State Organizations

Alabama

The Central Alabama Chapter of Climate Reality
The People's Justice Council

Arizona

Don't Waste Arizona

California

350 Bay Area Action
Ballona Wetlands Institute
Community Energy reSource
Defend Ballona Wetlands
Interfaith Climate Action Network of Contra Costa County
Long Beach Alliance for Clean Energy
Media Alliance
Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples
San Diego 350
San Francisco Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility
Santa Cruz Climate Action Network
SoCal 350 Climate Action
Sunflower Alliance

Colorado

Black Parents United Foundation
CASE Citizens Alliance for a Sustainable Englewood
Climate Reality Project - Northern Colorado Chapter
Energy Smart Colorado
FoCo Trash Mob, a Beyond Plastics Affiliate
Roots to Resilience

Connecticut

Sunrise New Haven
Sustainable Fairfield

Florida

Earth Ethics, Inc.
First United Church of Tampa
Forging Alliances, Inc.
IDEAS For Us
Regenerate Acupuncture LLC
ReThink Energy Florida

Georgia

Concerned Citizens of Cook County
Georgia WAND Education Fund Inc.
Nuclear Watch South

Hawaii

350Hawaii

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
Nuclear Energy Information Service (NEIS)
Prairie Earthlings
Save Our Illinois Land
Sustainable Springfield

Indiana

Citizens Action Coalition
Heartwood

Iowa

100 Grannies
Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Louisiana

For a Better Bayou
Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate
Coalition
HousingLOUISIANA
#PutHousingFirst Triad

Maine

Alliance of Maine Health Professionals for
Climate Action
Defend Our Health
Physicians for Social Responsibility Maine

Maryland

Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist
Environmental Justice Ministry
Citizens for Responsible Growth
Green Party of Montgomery County, 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
Worcester Congregations for Climate and
Environmental Justice

Michigan

Citizens' Resistance At Fermi Two (CRAFT)
Don't Waste Michigan

Minnesota

Climate Generation

Mississippi

Cherokee Concerned Citizens
Mississippi Rising Coalition

Nebraska

Save Rural America

Nevada

Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force

New Jersey

Citizens United for Renewable Energy
(CURE)
Climate Reality Project of New Jersey
Climate Revolution Action Network
DivestNJ
Don't Gas the Meadowlands Coalition
Interfaith Climate Action Committee, Montclair
Area

Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership
Newark Water Coalition
NJ Forest Watch
Passaic River Coalition
South Jersey Progressive Democrats

New Mexico

Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety
Los Alamos Study Group

New York

350Brooklyn
350NYC
Albany Progressive Action Network
All Our Energy
Alliance for a Green Economy
Auburn Reduces
Buy Local, Grow Local
Campaign for Renewable Energy
Cayuga Climate Action
Citizen Action of New York
Clean Air Coalition of Western New York
Climate Families NYC
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the
 Genesee-Finger Lakes Region
Coalition for Outreach, Policy & Education
 (COPE)
Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes
Dryden Solutions
Finger Lakes Strong
For the Many
Fossil Free Tompkins
FrackBustersNY
Green Education and Legal Fund
Green Party of Nassau County
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
Indivisible Scarsdale
Ithaca Democratic Socialists of America
Little Lakes Sustainability Network
Mother Rebels
Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club
Newburgh Clean Water Project
New York Communities for Change
New York Progressive Action Network
No Data Center FLX

North Tonawanda Climate Smart Communities
 Task Force
NYPAN Enviro Committee
ORBC
Reach Out America
Residents Allied for the Future of Tioga
 (RAFT)
Rise and Resist
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
Third Act NYC
Third Act Upstate NY
Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative
United For Clean Energy
Westchester for Change
Zero Waste Ithaca

North Carolina

350 Triangle
7 Directions of Service
Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League
Center for Progressive Reform
NC Climate Justice Collective
NC Environmental Justice Organization
NC WARN
River Guardian Foundation

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

Oregon

Extinction Rebellion PDX
Oregon PSR
Tank the Tanks
United Neighbor of Oregon Coalition

West Virginia

West Virginia Citizen Action Group

Pennsylvania

Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Clean Air Action
Climate Reality Project, Lehigh Valley Chapter
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley
PA Chapter
Concerned Health Professionals of
Pennsylvania
McKean County Green Party
Mountain Watershed Association
Move Past Plastic (MPP)
Pennsylvania Action on Climate
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Pennsylvania
Save our Susquehanna

South Carolina

Sustaining Way

South Dakota

Dakota Rural Action

Texas

Climate Conversation Brazoria County
Frontera Water Protectors
Hold the Line Campaign
Texas Physicians for Social Responsibility
Turtle Island Restoration Network

Virginia

ARTivism Virginia

Washington

Seattle Democratic Socialists of America -
Ecosocialism Working Group
Trout Unlimited- Washington Chapter

Wisconsin

Milwaukee Riverkeeper