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H. R. 10131

To amend title 44, United States Code, to prohibit the closure of Federal records centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 20, 2026

Mr. MULLIN (for himself, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. MATSUI, and Mr. KHANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Archives Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING THE CLOSURE OF FEDERAL RECORDS**
7 **CENTERS.**

8 Section 2907 of title 44, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) by striking “The” and inserting

1 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The”; and

2 (2) by adding at the end the following:

3 “(b) PROHIBITION.—The Archivist may not—

4 “(1) close or impose unreasonable restrictions
5 on public access to any record center or archive fa-
6 cility established before the date of the enactment of
7 this subsection; or

8 “(2) reconstruct, convert, or rehabilitate any
9 such center or facility if doing so would require the
10 relocation of records for more than 180 days.”.

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