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H. R. 9629

To require an assessment of the environmental and public health effects of data centers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANDSMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Protecting Commu-
5 nities from Data Center Impacts Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC**

7 **HEALTH EFFECTS OF DATA CENTERS.**

8 The Administrator of the Environmental Protection
9 Agency shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
10 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

1 (referred to in this section as the “National Academies”)
2 under which the National Academies shall—

3 (1) conduct an assessment of the impacts of
4 data centers on the environment and public health,
5 including with respect to—

6 (A) noise pollution;

7 (B) air pollution;

8 (C) water consumption;

9 (D) water supply;

10 (E) carbon emissions; and

11 (F) waste, including electronic waste;

12 (2) develop recommendations to mitigate such
13 impacts; and

14 (3) not later than 180 days after the date of
15 the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee
16 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
17 resentatives and the Committee on Environment and
18 Public Works of the Senate a report containing the
19 results of the assessment conducted under para-
20 graph (1) and the recommendations developed under
21 paragraph (2).

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