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To prohibit Artificial Intelligence Data Centers on Federal land.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. POCAN, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “No AI Data Centers
5 on Federal Lands Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL LANDS AI DATA CENTER PROHIBITION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law—

1 (1) the construction or operation of an Artificial
2 Intelligence Data Center or associated infrastructure
3 on Federal land is prohibited; and

4 (2) each agency that operates, leases, has con-
5 structed, or is in the process of constructing an Arti-
6 ficial Intelligence Data Center shall remove (includ-
7 ing by demolition or deconstruction) or order its les-
8 see to remove such Artificial Intelligence Data Cen-
9 ter and associated infrastructure from Federal land.

10 (b) REMOVAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this Act, each agency described in sub-
12 section (a)(2) shall—

13 (1) cease, or order its lessee to cease, oper-
14 ations or construction of each Artificial Intelligence
15 Data Center and associated infrastructure on Fed-
16 eral land, as applicable; and

17 (2) begin the removal, or order removal by the
18 applicable lessee, of each such Artificial Intelligence
19 Data Center and associated infrastructure in accord-
20 ance with such subsection.

21 (c) REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION OF SITE.—Re-
22 moval of an Artificial Intelligence Data Center and associ-
23 ated infrastructure from a site under this Act shall be car-
24 ried out in a manner consistent with the Comprehensive
25 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

1 of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) and any other applicable
2 provision of law, including with respect to any natural re-
3 source restoration, or remedial action or other response,
4 required at such site pursuant to such Act.

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
7 meaning given such term in section 551 of title 5,
8 United States Code.

9 (2) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DATA CEN-
10 TER.—The term “Artificial Intelligence Data Cen-
11 ter” means buildings, equipment, structures, and
12 other stationary items, such as server racks, that—

13 (A) are located on a single site or on con-
14 tiguous, adjacent, or otherwise connected sites;

15 (B) are owned or operated by the same en-
16 tity or by any entity that controls, is controlled
17 by, or is under the common control of that enti-
18 ty, regardless of whether the site is a single-oc-
19 cupant or multi-occupant facility; and

20 (C)(i) are used for the development or op-
21 eration of artificial intelligence models at scale;

22 or

23 (ii)(I) have a maximum rated power capac-
24 ity or total peak power load in excess of 20
25 megawatts; and

1 (II) are designed or equipped to—

2 (aa) deliver 20 kilowatts or more of
3 electrical power to a single server rack; or

4 (bb) utilize cooling systems that cir-
5 culate liquid to individual hardware compo-
6 nents or submerge electronic hardware in
7 liquid.

8 (3) ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term
9 “associated infrastructure” means any physical in-
10 frastructure built to serve an Artificial Intelligence
11 Data Center, including but not limited to trans-
12 mission lines, power substations, natural gas plants,
13 natural gas pipelines, backup generation facilities,
14 and water pipelines and cooling infrastructure.

15 (4) FEDERAL LAND.—The term “Federal
16 land”—

17 (A) means all land owned or managed by
18 the United States, including land under the ju-
19 risdiction of the Department of Defense; and

20 (B) does not include land held in trust by
21 the United States for the benefit of an Indian
22 Tribe or member of an Indian Tribe.

23 (5) REMEDIAL ACTION; RESPONSE.—The terms
24 “remedial action” and “response” have the mean-
25 ings given such terms in section 101 of the Com-

- 1 prehensive Environmental Response, Compensation,
- 2 and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601).

