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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that every American and community impacted by the construction or operation of an artificial intelligence data center should have the right to transparency and local autonomy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KHANNA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that every American and community impacted by the construction or operation of an artificial intelligence data center should have the right to transparency and local autonomy.

Whereas more than 4,400 registered data centers operate across the United States and at least one facility is located in every State;

Whereas some data center developers have used nondisclosure agreements and shell companies to hide ownership, water use, electricity demand, tax incentives, and other public costs;

Whereas artificial intelligence data centers could use up to 32,000,000,000 gallons of water each year by 2028 and many new facilities are located in water-stressed regions;

Whereas diesel generators, gas turbines, cooling systems, and other data center equipment can release harmful air pollutants and create persistent noise, increasing the risk of asthma, heart disease, sleep disruption, and other health harms in nearby communities; and

Whereas data center construction may create hundreds of well-paying jobs but even the largest facilities often employ fewer than 150 permanent workers: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives should
2 enact the Data Center Bill of Rights to establish that
3 every American and community impacted by the construc-
4 tion or operation of an artificial intelligence data center
5 should have the right to oppose them, including the right
6 to—

7 (1) ban data centers in residential areas and
8 within 2,500 feet of homes, schools, childcare facili-
9 ties, hospitals or nursing homes;

10 (2) reject any proposed data center through a
11 transparent community process;

12 (3) preserve the authority of counties and mu-
13 nicipalities to prohibit or regulate data center devel-
14 opment without being preempted or overruled by the
15 State;

1 (4) adopt statewide pauses on new data centers
2 until the State passes real protections that stop rate-
3 payers from seeing higher electricity bills, prevent
4 the draining of local water supplies, and give com-
5 munities a genuine say over what gets built in their
6 backyard;

7 (5) demand no increase in electricity rates or
8 fees for households or small businesses;

9 (6) require every data center to use clean and
10 reliable energy while meeting strict limits on noise
11 and air pollution;

12 (7) receive, before project approval, an inde-
13 pendent and publicly available impact report assess-
14 ing the data center's effects on electricity demand,
15 utility bills, public health, noise and air pollution,
16 price of consumer goods, rents, and housing avail-
17 ability, as well as a complete accounting of the num-
18 ber and types of jobs the project is expected to cre-
19 ate and economic impact to the community over 10
20 years;

21 (8) require enforceable community benefit
22 agreements that support affordable housing, neigh-
23 borhood improvements, water and infrastructure up-
24 grades, public computing resources, local venture

1 capital, workforce training and permanent tech-
2 nology jobs;

3 (9) require data center operators to disclose
4 projected water consumption to local water providers
5 and obtain a written compatibility determination be-
6 fore approval and submit semiannual water usage
7 reports for public review; and

8 (10) require data center owners, operators, and
9 developers to pay their fair share of State and local
10 taxes and ensure that any tax exemption or public
11 subsidy includes strong labor standards, full trans-
12 parency, and clawback provisions when those condi-
13 tions are not met.

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