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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York
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Dear Governor Hochul,

I am writing to respectfully urge your administration to support a statewide moratorium on the approval and development of new large-scale data centers until New York addresses its growing utility crisis and demonstrably improves in-state energy production capacity.

New York families and businesses are already facing rising utility costs, grid reliability concerns, and uncertainty surrounding future energy supply. At the same time, independent experts and energy stakeholders continue to warn that our state does not currently have sufficient generation capacity to meet projected demand in the years ahead. Under these conditions, it would be imprudent to significantly expand approval of facilities that consume enormous amounts of electricity and place further strain on an already stressed system.

Data centers may offer economic benefits in certain circumstances, but they are among the most energy-intensive forms of development. Approving them at scale before resolving our existing supply constraints risks higher costs for consumers, delayed electrification goals, and increased pressure on businesses already struggling with overhead expenses.

I believe New York should pursue an “all of the above” energy strategy focused on reliability, affordability, and long-term resilience. That means responsibly expanding generation from every viable source, modernizing transmission infrastructure, investing in next-generation technologies, and ensuring we have adequate baseline capacity before taking on major new demand loads.

Until those fundamentals are in place, a temporary statewide moratorium on new data centers is a prudent and responsible step. Such a pause would allow the state to complete a comprehensive review of grid readiness, projected demand growth, regional reliability concerns, and the cumulative impact of hyperscale facilities on ratepayers.

New York should welcome innovation—but not at the expense of affordability or reliability for residents and employers. We must first secure the energy foundation necessary to support future growth.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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