

## Section by Section: Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act

### **SECTION 1. Short Title.** *Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act*

#### **SEC. 2. Findings**

*Leading experts and industry leaders have warned about catastrophic consequences from unchecked AI development and deployment, including:*

- Elon Musk, the wealthiest person alive, and worth \$826,600,000,000, who stated that “AI and robots will replace all jobs. Working will be optional.” and that AI is akin to “summoning the demon.”
- Dario Amodei, the CEO of Anthropic, who predicted that “AI could displace half of all entry-level white collar jobs in the next 1 to 5 years.” and that “humanity is about to be handed almost unimaginable power, and it is deeply unclear whether our social, political, and technological systems possess the maturity to wield it.”
- According to Demis Hassabis, the head of Google’s DeepMind, the AI revolution will be 10 times bigger than the industrial revolution, and 10 times faster.
- Jeff Bezos, the fourth-richest person in the world and worth \$233,000,000,000, who has reportedly pushed his staff for years to think big and envision what it would take for Amazon to fully automate its operations with plans to replace at least 600,000 warehouse workers with robots.
- Bill Gates, worth \$101,000,000,000, who predicted that humans “won’t be needed for most things,” such as manufacturing products, delivering packages, or growing food over the next decade due to AI.
- Mustafa Suleyman, the CEO of Microsoft AI, said most white-collar work “will be fully automated by an AI within the next 12 to 18 months.”
- Jim Farley, the CEO of Ford, predicted that AI will eliminate “literally half of all white-collar jobs in the U.S.” within the next decade.

- Larry Ellison, the sixth-richest person in the world and worth \$203,000,000,000, who said that there will be an AI-powered surveillance state where “citizens will be on their best behavior, because we’re constantly recording and reporting everything that is going on.”
- Dr. Geoffrey Hinton, considered to be the “Godfather” of AI, believes there is a “10% to 20% chance [for AI] to wipe us out.”
- Mark Zuckerberg, the fifth-richest person in the world and worth \$214,000,000,000, is building a data center in the State of Louisiana that is the size of Manhattan and will use 3 times the quantity of electricity that the entire city of New Orleans uses every year.

*Leading experts and the heads of the major AI companies have called for regulation and reasonable pauses to the development of AI to ensure the safety of humanity:*

- Elon Musk, the head of xAI, said in 2018 “mark my words. AI is far more dangerous than nukes. So why do we have no regulatory oversight? This is insane” and said in 2025 he had “a lot of AI nightmares” and would “certainly slow down AI and robotics” if he could.
- Demis Hassabis, the head of Google’s DeepMind, said in 2026 that he would support an AI pause if he knew other countries and companies also paused development.
- Dario Amodei, the head of Anthropic, said in 2026 that he would be “absolutely in favor of trying” to slow down AI development if other countries also slowed down.
- Sam Altman, the head of OpenAI, wrote in 2023 that “we need some degree of coordination among the leading development efforts to ensure that the development of superintelligence occurs in a manner that allows us to both maintain safety and help smooth integration of these systems with society” and that “an effective global regulatory framework including democratic governance” is needed; and

- In March of 2023, over 1,000 business leaders in the Big Tech industry, prominent scientists, AI researchers and academics including Elon Musk, Steve Wozniak (Co-founder of Apple), and Evan Sharp (Co-founder of Pinterest) co-signed an open letter entitled “Pause Giant AI Experiments” stating: we must ask ourselves: *Should* we let machines flood our information channels with propaganda and untruth? *Should* we automate away all the jobs, including the fulfilling ones? *Should* we develop nonhuman minds that might eventually outnumber, outsmart, obsolete and replace us? *Should* we risk loss of control of our civilization? Such decisions must not be delegated to unelected tech leaders... Therefore, we call on all AI labs to immediately pause for at least 6 months the training of AI systems more powerful than GPT-4. This pause should be public and verifiable, and include all key actors. If such a pause cannot be enacted quickly, governments should step in and institute a moratorium.”
- AI pioneers Geoffrey Hinton and Yoshua Bengio and other tech leaders called “for a prohibition on the development of superintelligence, not lifted before there is broad scientific consensus that it will be done safely and controllably, and strong public buy-in.”

### **SEC. 3. Prohibition on Construction of New Artificial Intelligence Data Centers**

#### **Definition: Artificial Intelligence Data Center**

Definition of Artificial Intelligence Data Center.—The term “artificial intelligence data center” means a facility or connected facilities that are used for the development or operation of AI models at scale, or that have a total peak power load in excess of 20 megawatts and use either high-performance server racks or liquid cooling systems.

#### **Prohibition:**

A moratorium is hereby imposed on the construction or upgrading of all new AI data center projects until Congress passes comprehensive AI legislation that ensures the safety and prosperity of the American people. This moratorium shall not be lifted until legislation is passed and such legislation expressly terminates the moratorium. Such legislation must include, but is not limited to:

**AI is safe and effective.**

- The government must review and approve AI products before they are released to ensure that AI products are safe and effective. We must prevent executives in the AI industry from releasing harmful products into the world that threaten the health and well-being of working families, our privacy and civil rights, and the future of humanity.

**The economic gains of AI and robotics will benefit workers not just the wealthy owners of Big Tech.**

- Policies must be put in place to prevent job displacement due to AI; and
- The wealth generated by these companies must be shared with the American people.

**AI does not increase electricity or utility prices, harm communities or destroy the environment.**

- New or upgraded AI data centers must not increase the electric and utility bills of consumers, harm the environment, or make climate change even worse;
- The American people must be empowered to approve or reject the construction or upgrading of AI data centers in their local communities;
- New AI data center construction and upgrades must use union labor to create union jobs with strong labor standards, including paying prevailing wages, utilizing registered apprenticeship programs, and establishing project labor agreements;
- AI data centers must not receive subsidies from U.S taxpayers for construction, upgrading, or operations.

**Data Reporting, Transparency, and Collection Requirements**

- The Department of Energy shall collect and publish data related to AI data centers, including all financial vehicles involved in the facility's operation; water usage; energy usage and infrastructure needs; on- and off-site greenhouse gas emissions associated with facility operation; fence-line air quality monitoring; worker wage and benefit information; temporary and permanent jobs created; wastewater discharge and thermal outputs; cooling chemicals used; noise levels; certification of no utilization of federal, state, and local subsidies; and agreements related to land acquisitions, utilities, and government entities.

**SEC. 4. Prohibitions on AI Chip Exports**

- The U.S. shall promote global AI safety coordination by banning the export of US-origin advanced AI chips and computing hardware to any country or entity that does not have laws and regulations in place to protect humanity from AI safety concerns and existential risks, protect workers, and protect the environment to the effect of Section 3.