

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2026

Dear tech industry leaders:

We, the undersigned members of the United States Congress, demand the industry adoption of key standards and practices around data center development. Should you fall short of these standards and fail to provide anything other than a safe and direct benefit for the communities that house these data centers, we will reject their construction.

Our constituents have valid concerns about the impact data center construction will have on their communities. Ensuring local stakeholders and the public are engaged in the development of these facilities at the earliest stages through a transparent process is essential.

Data center projects and the energy systems and infrastructure that support them must be built and operated responsibly with a commitment to high-quality construction, good jobs, strong environmental stewardship, and strong partnerships with the communities they serve. At a time when the nation's power grid, roads, bridges, schools, and other public infrastructure require significant investment, data center development must strengthen, rather than strain, these systems. Developers must also invest responsibly in grid infrastructure, including new generation and grid upgrades, to protect ratepayers from bearing the costs of data center projects' energy needs.

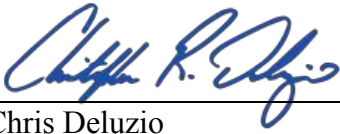
We view the following practices as necessary when developing and operating data centers; without them, no further data center development should proceed:

- Incorporate strong labor standards from the supply chain through operations and maintenance
- Employ local workers and pay at least the prevailing wage
- Use registered apprentices
- Negotiate community benefits agreements with local stakeholders
- Establish strong safety practices and procure from domestic sources
- Pay your fair share for the resources used to operate and maintain data centers
- Mitigate impacts on local air quality, drinking water and water supplies

Following these high standards and others is necessary in ensuring that projects are built efficiently, safely, and on- or under-budget.

We look forward to working with you to develop strong guardrails that protect communities, workers, and environmental resources.

Respectfully,



Chris Deluzio
Member of Congress



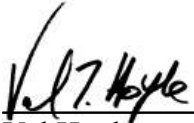
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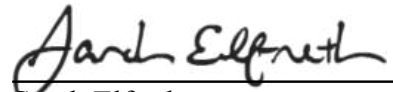
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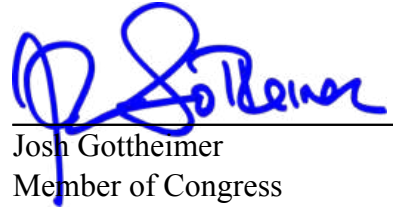
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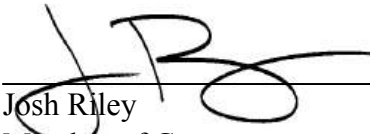
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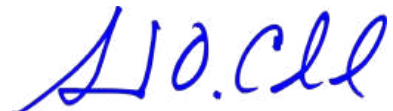
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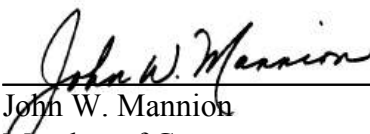
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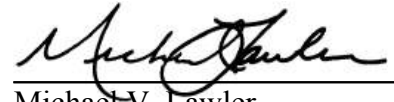
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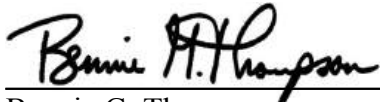
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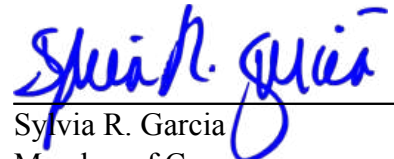
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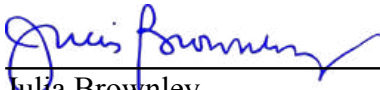
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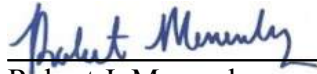
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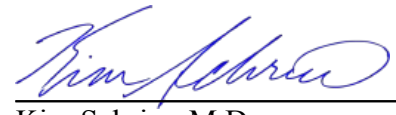
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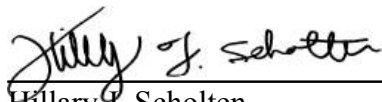
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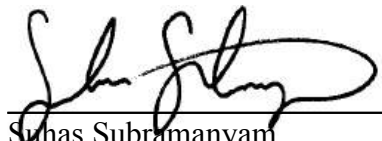
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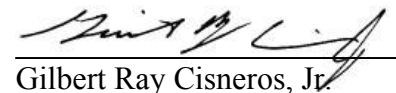
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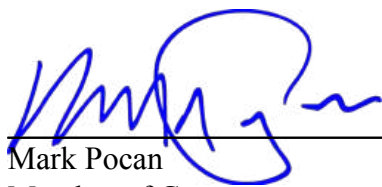
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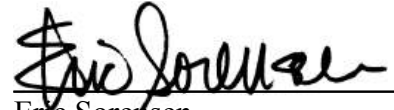
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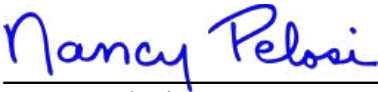
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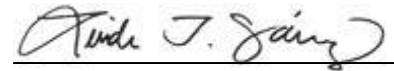
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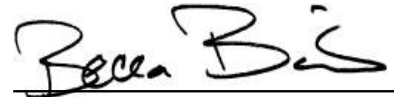
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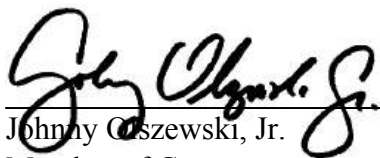
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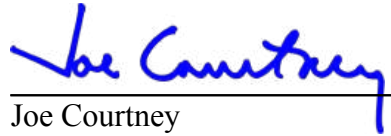
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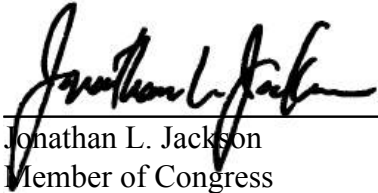
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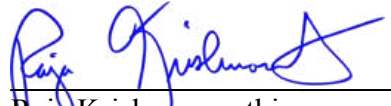
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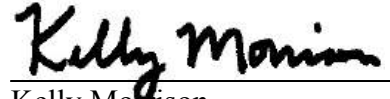
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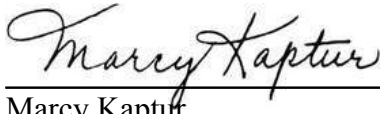
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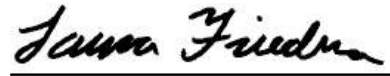
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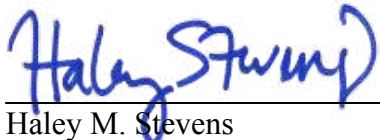
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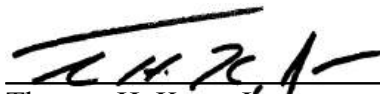
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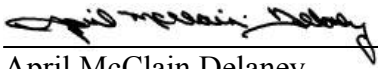
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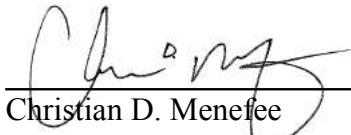
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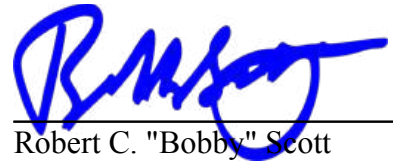
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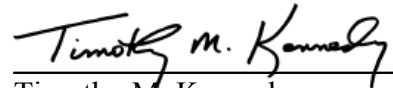
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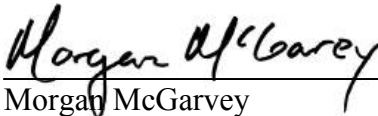
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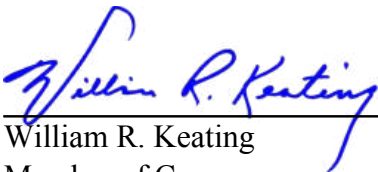
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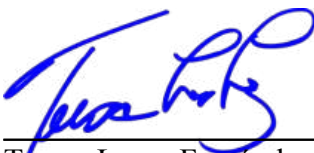
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Tonko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Paul" and last name "Tonko" being the most prominent parts.

Paul D. Tonko
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