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The Hon. Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2107 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Pallone,

On behalf of the more than 400,000 hardworking men and women of the United Association of Union Plumbers and Pipefitters (UA) – including more than 1,000 members in your district and more than 12,000 members in New Jersey – I write in strong opposition to your recent comments supporting a national moratorium on data center construction. This short-sighted solution is little more than pandering to extreme activists and special interests, and incredibly disappointing from a so-called champion for workers and American families.

The men and women of the United Association have been proud to build and maintain our nation's critical digital infrastructure since the very invention of the internet. As our society becomes ever more reliant on the digital world, data centers play an increasingly important role. From the cell phones in our pockets and the email networks that link our world, to the banking systems and financial services on which we rely, and even to the healthcare and emergency services that keep our communities safe, data centers make it all possible.

For the United Association, the expansion of data centers means stable jobs and the opportunity to provide for our families. We are proud to lead innovation in this industry to construct the data centers of today and tomorrow. Thanks to our gold-standard training programs and the massive amounts of piping required on these projects, the United Association works on more than 90% of the data centers in this country. We are constantly working to stay ahead of the curve; as a result, the data centers of today are far more efficient than the data centers of years past. That makes it even more disappointing that you chose to listen to mistruths and not engage with the men and women who have done this work for generations.

We all agree that meaningful guardrails on artificial intelligence and data centers are necessary as this industry grows. The entire United Association has worked closely with our partners, end users, and Congressional leaders to ensure any legislation accurately addresses these concerns and protects good-paying American jobs. A knee-jerk moratorium based on misinformation is not the common-sense answer we need.

Respectfully yours,

Mark McManus
General President
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