



STOP (Stop Tech Overreach Plan)

AI development is out of control. Tech billionaires are bulldozing towns and farms to build data centers to make themselves even richer. They're threatening Michigan jobs, driving up our energy costs, and contaminating our air and water.

Now, [AI experts are sounding the alarm](#), warning that their product is at risk of falling out of human control entirely and threatening our safety and the safety of our loved ones.

We need to STOP this AI buildout to protect our towns, our livelihoods, our wallets, and our families.

We need a National AI Compact. If we're going to develop AI safely, we need to make sure it benefits all of us, not just wealthy investors.

Step 1: Pause data center and advanced AI development

Pause Data Center Construction

Michigan's energy ratepayers, homeowners, water, and farmland are under threat from AI data center development.

Big Tech corporations are forcing these data centers onto small towns that don't have the resources to fight back against their lawsuits. In Saline, AI company lawyers threatened to sue the township out of existence if they didn't allow a massive AI data center project, even though voters had rejected the proposal.

These projects threaten our air, water and quality of life. Earlier this week, a spill at a New Jersey data center spewed diesel into local waterways. Right here in Michigan, residents sued a data center company over [intolerable noise](#): "It sounds like someone set up a vacuum, like in your living room ... And they just left it on and walked out."

They are also jacking up our energy rates. These projects use massive amounts of energy and are raising our energy prices. The Saline MI data center will [use nearly as much electricity](#) as the entire City of Detroit. It is no surprise that [Bloomberg](#) found "areas with high concentrations of data centers saw electricity prices jump 267 percent over the past five years."



This is a crisis. We need common sense, enforceable rules to prevent data centers from building next to schools and churches, signing backroom deals, raising utility bills, and polluting our lakes. To give ourselves the time to put these rules in place, we must begin with an immediate federal moratorium on new data center construction.

Pause Advanced AI development

As tech giants speed forward on building infrastructure to fuel the AI arms race, experts are raising [the possibility of rogue AI agents](#) hacking global financial systems, undermining critical infrastructure, and being used to design bioweapons. These dangerous possibilities are on top of already harmful deployments of AI in schools, hospitals, surveillance systems, and war zones.

Billionaires regulating themselves will not solve these problems. We need an immediate moratorium on the development of advanced AI models to prevent these unacceptable risks.

State AGs should investigate the AI firms for shipping dangerous technology and creating a public hazard. Existing consumer protection and unfair competition law offers grounds to sanction and discourage unsafe AI development.

Step 2: Pass a National AI Compact.

Drawing from a wide breadth of perspectives and experiences, we need to develop an AI Compact that ensures that AI development respects our rights and freedoms and that it benefits everybody, rather than making a handful of people even richer. That means:

National Jobs Program Funded by AI Profits Tax

To overcome disruption to the job market caused by AI, tax AI development and tech billionaire wealth to establish a New Deal-style jobs program to provide millions of quality jobs doing essential work for the benefit of all. Jobs might include:

- Caring for the elderly, including our own families
- Improving public lands
- Restoring wetlands to clean up our water
- Strengthening recreational and community centers,
- Strengthening Michigan's small businesses and farmers, and more.

One important priority for this jobs program is to provide job opportunities for recent graduates entering the workforce, without making graduates fill out hundreds of job applications to AI hiring bots. Another important



priority is to offer apprenticeship and training to mid-career workers displaced by AI. We must ensure that these are union jobs that provide workers with dignified working conditions and fair wages.

“Humans Only” Decisions

AI should never be able to autonomously drop a bomb, make a conviction or a sentencing decision, or deny a medical claim. AI should not be the final decision maker in hiring or firing.

No AI Bailouts

Most AI companies have yet to turn a profit. In the event of a crash, there can be no taxpayer-funded bailout that protects AI executives at the expense of working people.

No Sacrifice Zones for Data Centers

People and communities near data centers must be protected by zoning buffers, environmental standards, transparency rules, and performance standards. End tax giveaways to data center developers. Any communities accepting a data center must be generously compensated. There cannot be “sacrifice zones” whose residents bear the burden for all of us.

Protect Our Air, Water and Land

All data centers must have strict independent monitoring and caps on water usage, sanitation, and waste discharge protocols. Data centers should be powered with clean energy rather than polluting methane gas, coal or diesel.

AI Safety Requirements

Mandate independent, third-party safety review for all new AI models, require strict standards for biosecurity and interoperability, self-acceleration guardrails, and mandatory incident reporting. Develop clear and enforceable laws to hold AI labs liable for model escapes, hacking, or harms.

Worker and community protections during AI data center construction

If we are going to build data centers, it needs to be done with skilled, union labor. Doing so not only ensures good wages and benefits and safety for workers, but it also makes sure that the people doing these jobs have the training and conditions to do the job according to safety and environmental specifications.



Protect mental health

Reliance on chat bots is dangerous for our mental health, especially for children and young adults. We should not be outsourcing mental health support services, child care, or elder care to AI. What makes humans special is our ability to connect with and support each other. We need research and regulations to protect the social fabric of human to human connection in everyday life.

Limit AI Usage in Schools

AI in schools severely harms the most fundamental learning outcomes: reading, writing, math, critical thinking, and the ability to pay attention for extended periods. These skills must be taught to the next generation. AI should be prohibited in early childhood and elementary classrooms and severely restricted in high schools K-12 education.

Protect Social Security

We all deserve to be able to retire, but that is more challenging than ever to imagine with such an uncertain economic outlook. We need to bolster social security for future generations by taxing billionaires at the same percentage or higher that everyone else pays. Late-career workers displaced by AI should be able to receive a bridge into social security. Remove AI from crucial decision making and related roles at the Social Security Administration.

Don't Spy On Us

Expand privacy protections: AI should not be used to facilitate warrantless surveillance, as is currently happening through Flock cameras, Meta glasses, and similar AI-powered technology.

Limit Infohazards

Ban deceptive AI-generated political media, require disclosure for AI-generated political ads, and establish a federal task force on algorithmic disinformation.

Begin International Treaty Process

In addition to a domestic process, the U.S. must begin talks with other global powers to negotiate an international treaty on the safe development, management, regulation, and enforcement of AI.

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