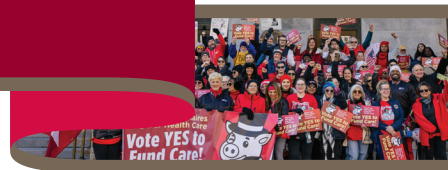


# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.) DATA CENTER MORATORIUM ACT

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Big Tech is driving the integration of artificial intelligence (A.I.) into virtually every aspect of our lives and has been allowed to operate without proper regulations to protect the public. The Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act would enact a pause on A.I. development by placing a moratorium on new data centers, putting nurses, patients, and working people in the driver's seat. The moratorium will give us time to build enforceable protections into law to keep ourselves, our work and our democracy safe, and autonomy to decide how and if we want A.I. to impact our lives.

**Nurses have been on the forefront for years defending against Big Tech and hospital industries' endless attempts to deskill and replace registered nurses to increase their profits at the expense of safe patient care.**

- » Hospital employers are moving at breakneck pace to implement untested and unregulated A.I. technologies into nearly every aspect of the nursing profession. From staffing and scheduling, clinical prediction, remote patient monitoring, automated charting and nursing care plans, and worker surveillance.
- » This is despite hospital management knowing that A.I. systems are nowhere near being able to replicate nurses' expertise or clinical judgment. Attempts to use A.I. as a substitute for nurses' clinical judgement are already posing serious risks to nurses, patients, and our communities.
- » Nurses across the country have won strong collective bargaining agreements with language prohibiting hospital management from implementing A.I. and technologies that replace or deskill nurses' clinical judgment. We are fighting to ensure that those same protections for patients and the nursing profession are passed into law on the state and federal levels as well.

**Nurses, patients, and communities are at risk of major harm as the same corporations and billionaires profiting off war and violence seek to profit off replacing nurses and other critical workers with A.I.**

- » Patients are in danger of receiving worse and unsafe care with the industry's push to automate nursing care and use A.I. technology to sort and share private patient health care information with Immigration, Customs, and Enforcement (ICE) to target our families, friends and neighbors seeking life-saving care.

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- » Data centers are the infrastructure the industry needs to power A.I., which is why we are seeing the tech industry pouring billions of dollars to build more data centers on a massive, national scale. The physical development of these data centers also poses major risks to the health of our communities and our environment where they are located. In addition to their massive amounts of water consumption, pollution of air and water, and more, the working people in the surrounding areas are paying the price of increased energy costs to run the data centers.
- » U.S. hospitals, our employers, are also partnering with Palantir, a secretive A.I. surveillance company, to automate bed allocation, staffing and scheduling and communications with insurance companies.
- » The goals of these tools are to reduce staffing and control the work of nurses. **At least 15 hospital systems in the United States use Palantir, and according to hospital executives, Palantir manages 21 percent of all U.S. hospital beds.**<sup>1</sup>
- » These contracts are awarding Palantir and its billionaire owner, Peter Thiel, billions in profits while Medicaid is gutted and every day Americans cannot afford health coverage or basic necessities.

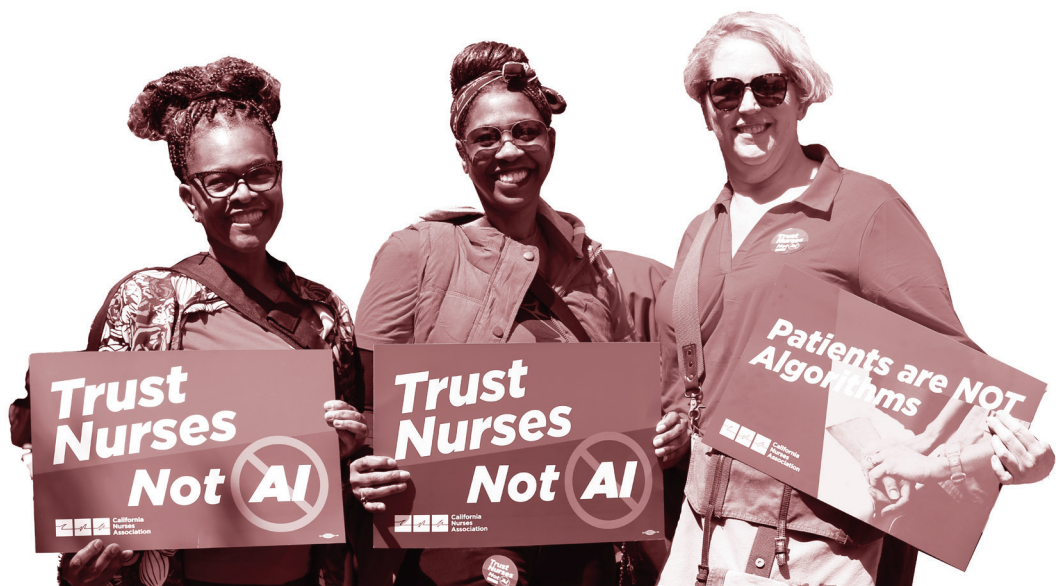
**The Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act would institute an immediate federal moratorium on A.I. data centers until strong national safeguards are in place to ensure that:**

- » A.I. is proven safe and effective — preventing executives in the A.I. 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 A.I. and robotics will benefit workers, not just the wealthy owners of Big Tech.
- » A.I. does not increase electricity or utility prices, harm communities, or destroy the environment.

**Nurses know we can be a society that takes care of each other. We call on every member of Congress to hold Big Tech billionaires accountable for A.I. deployment by cosponsoring the Artificial Intelligence Data Center Moratorium Act and moving swiftly to passage.**

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1 Tweet from Palantir Chief Technology Officer, <https://x.com/ssankar/status/1823879184730743242>.



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