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Measure: HB2816

The Umatilla School District appreciates the economic support data centers have provided to our region and community. Most recently, the Enterprise Zone Agreement negotiated between the City, County and Amazon had a significant, and positive, impact on the passage of a school bond for the District. The agreement allows for Amazon to pay local bonds during their abatement period which reduced the cost per thousand for our taxpayers on the proposed bond and helped our tax payers support the bond effort. We will now have the new 4-6 school building that has been in the works for over 20 years in our community because of the decreased cost to tax payers in the community thanks to the investment from AWS.

HB 2816 targets Eastern Oregon data centers and could be a threat to the data centers our community is now counting on to help pay for the bond they passed in November.

Please consider other options for meeting climate goals, as this bill could cause significant economic challenges to our community, and our district.