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It is long past time for Oregon to stop giving massive tax breaks, of various kinds, to big, polluting, climate fueling industries. These tax breaks in the name of "economic opportunity" and jobs, do not end up delivering on those promises. This measure will cost the state a lot of money. We could spend that money on things that actually provide jobs, benefit communities, and help combat climate change: how about public transit?

This measure will just attract more energy and water hog data centers. We must stop the proliferation of data centers in Oregon. We do not need them and they do not bring in a lot of jobs. They do bring a lot of problems including: using massive amounts of water which harms our waterways and intensifies pollution, massive noise pollution impacting people for many miles around, massive energy use which raises rates and strains our already strained grid, and worst of all the rise of data centers is fueling climate change. Without data centers Oregon was on track to meet climate goals, with data centers that is absolutely impossible.

Please stop this monster in its tracks. The only ones benefiting from this in the long run is a handful of already very wealthy people and their corporations. It will not even benefit politicians supporting it because they will be voted out when the voting public become aware of this corporate give away at their expense. And they will know about it.