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Testimony in Opposition to HB 4086

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Chair Jones and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4086.

This bill is sold as a “fish waste” and “industrial symbiosis” package. But Section 8 does

something entirely different—and harmful.

Section 8 removes the job growth requirement for companies receiving public financing at

regionally significant industrial sites.

Current law requires employers to add jobs. HB 4086 strikes that word. A company can now move

25 existing jobs from across town, lay off 100 workers, and still qualify for tax breaks and state

subsidies. Zero net job gain.

This directly enables:

? Data centers that employ 20–50 people but consume massive water and power

? Industrial sprawl onto rural land, including pressure to convert farmland

? Higher utility rates for residents, because Section 7 allows water districts to finance upgrades through charges on ratepayers, not industrial users

? No prevailing wage, no local hire, no environmental review

I am not opposing economic development. I am opposing subsidies without accountability.

If this bill passes, my community pays higher rates, loses farmland, and gains nothing guaranteed

in return.

Remove Section 8. Restore the job growth requirement.

Respectfully,

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