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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

You must vote no on SB 1586. As a farmer with property in Washington County, I urge you to protect valuable farm land from urban development.

There has been no local, formal process for evaluating adding 1,700 acres to the City of Hillsboro. There appears to be no local consensus for converting this land to urban development.

Agriculture depends on good land and this land is the best. These rare Class 1 and Class 2 soils need protection or agricultural uses. Further, losing this large section of farmland that connects Washington county's farm country together could irreparably harm the entire industry.

The best way to provide food security is to encourage local food production. Our food should come from locally produced sources.

Hillsboro has plenty of undeveloped land that they can leverage for industry. Don't let them take 1,700 acres of farm land.