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

For the record, my name is Lindsey Trempler and I urge you to vote no on SB 1586. I am a farmer and giving up valuable farmland for data centers, which are TERRIBLE for our environment is abhorrent to me.

No local public process: Normally, decisions like this have multiple public meetings, hundreds of pages of analysis on what the net cost would be, and community consensus on what they think economic development is. None of that has happened here. Everyone expected the land to remain rural until 2065 and local farmers and businesses alike had been making decisions based on that fact. The only ones who want this expansion are the landowners inside the 1700 acres and their lobbyist who would make hundreds of millions of dollars from the sale of this land. There's plenty of land inside the UGB that can be used instead. And with the tax breaks, Oregonians would be bearing the associated costs.

Data Centers: The bill has a loophole that would allow almost unlimited data centers as long as they're "attached" to another business. Data centers don't produce jobs or tax revenue.

Farmland: Taking this land irreparably harms another industry – agriculture. Agriculture depends on soil, and this land has some of the best in the world. Class 1 soils only make up about 2% of the soils in the Willamette River Basin and are the very best soils on earth. These are Class 1 and Class 2 soils and it is essential that we protect them for agricultural uses. Further, losing this large section of farmland that connects Washington county's farm country together could irreparably harm the entire industry.

For these reasons and more, please vote no on SB 1586.

Thank you for your service.