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Please do not provide tax breaks to encourage more data center construction in Hillsboro! AI is an extremely risky gamble and jumping on the bandwagon now will only lead to defunct data centers in 5 years after the bubble bursts, coupled with the environmental destruction they will wreak in their short lifetime. The land that these proposed data centers will sit on will never be able to be used for farmland again, the waste water contamination will be too severe. Additionally, this will strain our already limited residential drinking water and electricity resources, risking shortages and almost guaranteeing increased utility costs for Hillsboro residents. Hillsboro does not stand to benefit at all from these data centers being constructed. Our market is already saturated with semiconductor companies, the additional data centers will not attract more to move here. In fact, it would be dangerous to encourage more semiconductor growth here, since our economy is already so heavily invested in that industry. This same logic is why Oregon declined to have an additional Intel fab built in our state. That fab ended up being built in Ohio instead, and is already shuttered after Intel's recent financial struggles. We were smart enough to dodge that bullet then, please let us make the right decision not to over-invest in risky tech gambles now!