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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to state that I oppose the “Oregon Jobs Act” or SB 1586 based on a number of reasons.

First, it is a shameless land grab that has been attempted numerous times before including as recently as when SB 4 was introduced and governor Kotek ended up not designating any 500-acre sites which failed and not one was site was designated and received ample pushback. It is ironic how there are strict land use laws everyday citizens must follow but when the county or government wants to change the rules to fit their needs they do so. Rules only apply to some, I guess. Second, this jobs act would destroy the land use system in Oregon and after it happens once it will happen again as it is already being slowly eroded by a state legislature who seemingly champions Oregon’s land use laws but at the same time works to erode them and is too afraid to actually attempt updating SB 100 that was signed back in 1970. It is sad the chief sponsor of the bill Janeen Sollman and her co-sponsors cannot even host a public meeting about the proposed legislation which shows either lack of confidence or arrogance or possibly both. Third, it is ironic this is called the “Oregon Jobs Act” and it is all focused in already powerful Washington County when many other counties across the state have a high unemployment rate. As of late 2025 counties such as Klamath, Josephine, and Grant all had higher than a 7% unemployment rate. This “jobs act” will not help them in any capacity. Fourth, this land is not going to be used to better Oregon but all for money, greed, corporations, and environmental costs and specific groups benefitting. Some of the largest employers in this state have time and again been given every incentive they desire including doubling their emissions output which was approved by DEQ even after underreporting their greenhouse gas emissions. Not to mention they so poorly managed their company that the Federal government needed to buy hundreds of millions of dollars of stock to keep them afloat in a bailout. Fifth, Oregon says the environment is a priority but if this is industrial specific land this will not help the environment in any capacity. I would encourage those in the legislature to review some of the most recent articles that have come out and ask themselves is “Keep Oregon Green” anything more than an empty slogan. Some of the articles can be found here: <https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2026/01/will-consumers-pay-for-oregons-climate-ambitions-data-center-boom.html>, <https://trellis.net/article/intel-sales-tailspin-sidelined-2030-sustainability-ambitions/>, <https://beavertonvalleytimes.com/2024/04/26/despite-underreporting-2022-emissions-intel-receives-air-quality-permit-for-hillsboro-aloha-expansions/>, <https://www.oregonlive.com/datacenters/>. Sixth, once the land is brought into the UGB and up for public sale there will be little attempt to regulate who buys the property. Seventh, governor Kotek created a statewide advisory panel on data centers which signifies there is a problem, <https://apps.oregon.gov/oregon-newsroom/OR/GOV/Posts/Post/governor-kotek-convenes-statewide-data-center-advisory-committee> While this bill claims to not allow stand-alone data centers, the federal definition of “advanced manufacturing” includes data centers, and massive data centers attached to anchor business could fill this site just like Hillsboro’s 1,000+ acres of

industrial land to the east — 29 data centers and counting. I understand Sollman will be revising the language of the bill about tax breaks and data centers as reported per *The Oregonian* but it does not change the essence of the bill and taking the land.

We don't need to pave over farmland to create good jobs. The CHIPS Act delivered over \$3.18 billion in capital investment to 14 projects — none of which used SB 4's controversial provision to request land outside of an urban growth boundary. LC 237 relies on a 2023 Semiconductor Task Force Report that claims this land is the only site in the state for semiconductor manufacturing. But the 2023 Semiconductor Committee discovered that the report failed to identify and analyze over 10,000 acres of industrial land. Hillsboro alone has hundreds of acres of unbuilt industrial land available for this use. What we need is an industrial lands inventory to help businesses locate, not a bill that adds massive amounts of land and infrastructure costs to a state that is struggling to pay for what we have. And Oregon certainly does not need to welcome an industry that receives massive tax abatements in return for few jobs. I am also not aware that any of these major companies ever asked directly for more land.

I will not be voting for any legislator that votes in favor of this piece of legislation. I am a lifelong Oregonian and believe in this state and think we can do better than this proposed SB 1586. Since there are no public hearings on this topic and if Sollman or any other legislator wants to respond or actually have a conversation people are open to listen. Otherwise, I will also remember what this farmland used to look like when the only place I will be able to find it is on a county or government brochure.

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