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Members of the Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. I think SB 1586 is one of the most potentially damaging bills for Oregon and Oregonians. In issues facing Oregonians - maybe homelessness or housing or climate change or rising energy costs . . .

The argument that this bill does not include "stand alone" data centers seems disingenuous to me. I can only imagine how easy it will be to define any any particular project as thoroughly "standing together" with another business. I feel it is just a trick to get this bill passed.

Big Tech, Data Centers, Server Farms use enormous amounts of water and electricity. Why, Oh Why would we want to squander these ever scarcer and more expensive resources with out of state businesses? I want to protect and enhance what we have left for my grandchildren and yours so they can live in as wonderful and abundant Oregon as I grew up in. The future is very unpredictable. Times are hard for some people now and may well get harder for many of us. When push comes to shove, what we need is good, accessible food, clean water, shelter and functioning local communities, local businesses, local jobs - not more resource gobbling devices, AI, Server farms and Data Centers from somewhere with no real connections or buy in to local communities.

PSU says our population will grow. Climate Change says snow pack is diminishing, fire danger rising, whole ecosystems threatened and this bill wants to pave over more productive, close-in farmland. Please, someone, tell me why this isn't just one more scheme to make a few people richer and do not much of anything for the rest of us Oregonians.

I urge you to let this bill die in committee. Future generations will thank you and so will many of the rest of us.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling