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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I strongly oppose Senate bill 1586 for the following reasons:

1. Allowing prime farmland to be annexed for any kind of development is contrary to our land use laws which have been in place for 50+ years.

2. Farmers already have enough burdens to keep on farming, which is one of the hardest jobs there is.

I grew up in Oregon farmland and have seen the struggles farmers endure to bring us their bounty.

We should do everything we can to help, instead of forcing them to waste time and energy fighting to keep their land.

3. Washington County has the best soil on the planet. There are other places to put development that aren't wasting this precious resource. In short, you can't eat computer chips!

4. Senate bill 1586 is a threat to all of us and a danger to our agriculture.

Please vote NO on Senate bill 1586!

Thank you,

Lark Brandt