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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 D. Grant and I urge you to vote no on SB 1586. I not in favor of sprawling growth. It should be carefully planned and reviewed. This bill is bad policy for the following reasons,

- 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. It was understood the land was 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. While I understood these landowners want to make a profit it and may deserve to, it should not be at taxpayers expense.
- Poor Process: I am submitting this testimony to you with the understanding that the bill may be amended between the opening of testimony and the hearing date. This is an exceptionally poor process. If the legislature wants to receive public input on legislation, it needs to let the public know what they are commenting on. Even if the bill is amended to not include a tax abatement, I understand that HB 4084 would extend the same tax abatement - potentially indefinitely. If the bill limits the acreage in Hillsboro's UGB to 373 and in the urban reserve to the remaining 1700 acres, Hillsboro has never proven a need for more land.
- Expensive: Taxpayers would bear the costs of this sprawl. Hillsboro hasn't shown detailed figures, but even their document shows they won't break even for 34 years. While I've heard that the bill may be amended to remove a provision that would double the tax break to businesses, another bill this session would extend a similar tax break. Other states are cutting or reassessing their tax breaks to these industries. We should not be using our tax dollars to incentivize low-job industries that waste our energy and natural resources and are profitable on their own – especially when we're in a budget crisis.
- Land: As I understand, Hillsboro has have plenty of land inside of the urban growth boundaries already for industries including high-tech. There's 500 acres just next door to this land in Hillsboro. Hillsboro has had 15 years to attract high-job industries but instead is filling it rapidly with data centers and warehouses. The state does not even have an industrial lands inventory. The state and Hillsboro should know what it has and invest in those lands so it can minimize the costs and the impacts on

surrounding farmland.

THANK YOU