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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, members of the committee,

My name is Katie Miller and I live near the farmland in question, and I urge you to VOTE NO on SB 1586.

The farmland previously taken into the Hillsboro UGB has barely even developed yet. So why do we need more? There is plenty already within the Hillsboro UGB for further development. This is greed, and this is poor planning. We will need these 1,700 acres of prime farmland when the rest of the USA's farmland is gobbled up by data centers in 50 years.

Also, this is Senator Sollman's FIFTH time trying to bring this land into the UGB. Somebody has her in their pocket--a few farmers who are waiting for their windfall of millions. This needs to stop. The rest of us will pay for this with higher electricity costs and a drain on our water system. This is not what Oregon is about. And Sollman WILL be voted out in 2028--the people are up in roar against her. We she take YOU down with her?

One more point I want to make. Even Kotek has been listening to citizens saying "No more data centers." While Sollman insists "standalone" data centers are not allowed under SB 1586, all a company needs is a tiny office or trailer for it to bring in a giant data center under this bill. And there are no limits to the size of that data center. Hillsboro already has 30 data centers. STOP THE MADNESS! The people are paying—Oregon Capital Chronicle estimated that citizen electricity bills went up 50% from 2020--a big part of that increase was from data centers. Why do WE have to pay for their consumption? This is not the green, beautiful Oregon we are known for. We do NOT sell out.

Please stop this insanity. This farmland was promised to farmers a few years ago in the "Grand Bargain" in exchange for the previous land Hillsboro took in. It's supposed to be protected as Rural Reserves for a few more decades. This is NOT FAIR, and this is wrong. Show Oregon that you will keep promises, and that you have a moral backbone. Because this country is full of people without moral backbones these days, and we need to lead as the example.

Sincerely,  
Katie Miller