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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

We farm across Highway 26 from the 1700 acres of Rural Reserve prime farmland you are proposing to bring immediately into the Urban Growth Boundary. This is not a serious proposal about advanced manufacturing or economic development. In fact, taking this prime farmland out of production will negatively affect Washington County's agricultural industry. Please withdraw this bill and reconsider placement of speculative land intensive industries on the thousands of acres already in the urban growth boundary and especially - not on prime farmland. If this land use change takes place, farmland will fall like dominos with no guarantee that high employment, full tax paying, local hiring, moderate electric and water use industries will take its place.

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