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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 Ryan Miller, and I urge you to vote NO on SB 1586. I work in an industrial factory in Hillsboro, and I see and hear about the waste water (and air) pollution that is produced every day at Intel. It's terrible, and I am glad I live farther away from that water in North Plains. If you think destroying farmland for industrial factories and data centers is worth trading health and quality of living for money, I invite you to imagine your children or grandchildren living next to this area in 20 years. Will cancer rates go through the roof? Electricity rates be over \$500? What are you willing to sacrifice, just for money? Oregon is known for its beauty, and that's what brings us tourism. Are you also willing to destroy that?

Sollman will tell you that no standalone Data Centers are allowed on this land. But Data Centers that have a small, attached office? Yep! Those are allowed. Do you see how this can all go downhill, real quick? Hillsboro already has 30 data centers. We don't need another 30! Talk about a nightmare! Aside from hiring an electrician, data centers don't produce many jobs or tax revenue (outside of the initial construction).

We have plenty of land inside of our urban growth boundaries already for industries including high-tech. There's over 10,000 acres of industrial land around the state and 500 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. We should know what we have and invest in those lands so we can minimize our costs and the impacts on surrounding farmland.

SB 1586 is also expensive for the average householder. We 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 we've heard that the bill may be amended to remove a provision that would double the tax break to businesses including data centers, 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.

For these reasons and more, please VOTE NO on SB 1586.

Thank you for your service.

Ryan Miller