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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

My name is Nancy Jarigese and I urge you to vote no on SB 1586. I have several reasons for my concern: 1) there has been almost no local public process - everyone expected the land to remain rural until atleast 2065 and local farms and businesses had been making decisions based on that fact. It appears that the only ones being listened to are the landowners and businesses inside the 1700 acres who would make hundreds of millions of dollars from the sale of this land. 2) Taking the land irreparably harms the agriculture industry. Agriculture depends on the soil. and this land has some of the best soil in the world. These are Class 1 and class 2 soils and it is essentilthat we protect them for agricultural uses. Once the land is taken out of farming, it can never be used again for that purpose. Our food supply, while plentiful, is not very healthy (as evidence by the high levels of chronic disease) - fresh, local food is one of the best things we can do for the health of our community. Losing this large section of farmland also has a ripple effect on other local farms as it continues to erode the connection/support of the local farming community. 3) we have plenty of land inside our UBG already for industries, including high-tech. There are over 10,000 acres of industrial land aroudn the state and 500 just next door to this land in Hillsboro. We do NOT need to expand onto this land which was supposed to be set aside as a rural reserve. Everyone needs to slow down and really think about what we want for our community -- WHY is ever more high tech the best thing for our communities and land? I submit that it is NOT.