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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Legislators, keeping valuable farm land in farming is critical to our future food security. Keeping valuable forest lands in intact forest is crucial for wildlife and our well being. SB 1586 threatens that future because could sacrifice 1,700. acres of the world's best farm and forest land to industrial development which these days likely means the building of data centers. That should not be allowed.

Attempts to develop these 1,700 acres have already failed five times—after significant public pushback each time.

In 2023, 56% of Oregonians said NO when asked “Should Oregon’s legislature give the governor the power to override Oregon’s existing land use laws to allow semiconductor factories on farm and forest lands?” according to the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, a nonpartisan opinion research organization.

The public's mind has not changed. The majority remains opposed to allowing the conversion of farm and forest lands to semiconductor factories.

Sincerely,

Christine Psyk