

We are testifying as private Hillsboro residents to oppose the passage of Senate Bill 1586 that would allow 17,000 acres in rural reserves to become part of Hillsboro's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) north and west of where we live in Hillsboro.

Although stand-alone data centers would not be allowed in this bill, they could still be built as part of other developments. We have been reading about how data centers existing in Oregon have been responsible for water pollution and that cancer and other illnesses increased nearby. Amazon data centers and Palantir in Oregon have been collaborating to help ICE target immigrants in our area--not just criminals, but law-abiding residents who are our valued neighbors and who help our economy run well. Senate Bill 1596 will increase farmland costs and land availability that will likely deter farm expansions, employment and production.

Data centers also usurp electricity and do not contribute to tax revenues when given tax breaks by local governments. We read that as much as \$3 million may be offered in tax breaks. Hillsboro residents might end up paying more in taxes to compensate for these no or low tax businesses. We want tax-paying industry partners in our UGB and rural areas that help us support our public education, childcare, medical and mental health care, community policing, fire and rescue, and other valuable public services in the area.

Rural reserve areas are supposed to be protected until 2065. We are afraid if this bill passes we would sacrifice long-term sustainable economic gains for short-term land sales and acquisitions that benefit a few wealthy farmers and high-tech companies. We observe that some high-tech companies have been laying off employees in the last decade rather than creating more jobs.

This land grab bill appears to have been conceived in back rooms without public citizen input and with strong lobbying from the tech interests that are pitted against our agricultural \$43 billion industry, the second largest industry in Oregon. Our farms in Oregon provide excellent organic and sustainable foods, hire graduates from our agricultural programs and pass on business to other industries like farm equipment, mechanical repair and seed companies. Transport of food shorter distances keeps grocery prices lower.

Promoting affordability, clean air and water, and benefits for all people, not just a few of the most wealthy are what we support in Oregon and our country. Please don't sacrifice our long-term health, safety, and economic growth for all people to boost the wealth of a few wealthy farmers selling their land and tech firms that will pave over fertile land and potentially decrease potential employees through Artificial Intelligence (AI). Instead, let's promote Oregon's clean green climate industries and jobs that fit our values; increase our valuable energy resources; do not pollute our land; protect our wetlands, habitats and tributaries; increase rather than decrease our tax revenues; decrease rather than increase energy bills and help residents thrive without danger of asthma or other harmful effects.

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