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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee, I'm concerned about, and opposed to, SB 1586.

Converting 1,700 acres of farmland in this fertile region could have significant negative effects, including: increasing the cost of nearby farmland, reducing access to top tier soils, threatening local food security, and hurting the surrounding agricultural economy.

Pitting two key economic sectors — tech and agriculture — against each other is unwise.

We are taking more and more of our farmland out of production. I worry about where we will get our food in the future. Growing food in buildings won't feed the masses. Rich farmland is the best way to go.

I am further concerned about how this industrialization could harm this watershed and impact carbon sequestration.

Please ensure these lands stay as rural reserves until at least 2065.

Thank you for your consideration.