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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee,

I'm opposed to, SB 1586.

Converting 1,700 acres of farmland in this fertile region to Industrial use 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 and unnecessary. Oregon already has more than 10,000 acres of vacant, buildable industrial land within urban growth boundaries, including several hundred acres in the City of Hillsboro.

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.

Sincerely,

Corinne Sherton