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Hello! I have lived in Oregon since 1989, I'm a mother of 3 grown children in Forest Grove and I drive a school bus for the Hillsboro school district. I oppose expanding the urban growth boundary into MORE farmland because we need our fertile farmland in Oregon and we need our open spaces. Additionally, my husband works in the tech industry and is facing a possible layoff from the company he's worked for for the past 12 years because frankly the tech industry is in the toilet right now We cannot count on the tech industry bringing us high paying jobs. The data centers that seem to be multiplying at alarming speed across the county do NOT add high paying jobs but DO consume massive amounts of electricity and water resources.

I drive right through this beautiful landscape being considered for development every day, It would be such a shame to pave it over and construct even more huge eyesore buildings.

Intel has massive campuses all over Hillsboro, has been given massive property tax breaks to the tune of millions (billions?) of dollars, and is now laying off workers left and right. We should take a good, hard look at that. Tech companies do not care about our land, they do not care about our people. Tech companies care about their profits, and that is all. Don't give them the access to spoil more of our beautiful state. Thanks for your attention,

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