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Data Centers only benefit corporations. Protect our natural resources.

The 1,700 acres that SB 1586 seeks to bring into Hillsboro's UGB are rural reserves that the legislature committed to protect from urbanization until at least 2065 in 2014. The rural reserve threatened by SB 1586 is critical to the overall health of the Tualatin River watershed.

The streams, riparian areas, and wetlands hold surface water, offering flood resilience, slowing erosion, and filtering new water as it enters the watershed. Additionally, these areas provide wildlife habitat for dozens of species of fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and insects.