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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I am opposed to SB 1586.

Some of my concerns about converting this many acres of farmland, in this important region include: increase the cost of farmland, threaten local food security, as well as, harm nearby watersheds, wetland habitats, and tributaries.

Hillsboro has already converted many acres of farmland for land intensive data centers. If they haven't brought good jobs over the last decade with the land they already have, why would we expect that to change with new land?

Please ensure these lands stay as rural reserves until at least 2065, and pursue a more thoughtful approach to this issue.

Thanks,
Elisabeth