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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

First, To: Senator Sollman:

How can you sponsor this bill without support from your Hillsboro constituents?

All legislators: Reasons to STOP this bill:

No local public process: Everyone expected the land to remain rural until 2065 and local farmers and businesses alike had been making decisions based on that fact. The supporters of this expansion are landowners inside the 1700 acres and their lobbyist who would make hundreds of millions of dollars from the sale of this land. Hillsboro has not demonstrated a need for the land – the city has over 500 undeveloped acres of industrial land in large lots. There are no studies on how much the sprawl will cost, how we'll pay for it when another bill (HB 4084) would extend tax breaks to these businesses, or how losing this much farmland would harm our second biggest industry - agriculture.

Data Centers: The bill has a loophole that would allow almost unlimited data centers as long as they're "attached" to another business. Data centers don't produce jobs or tax revenue.

Land: We have plenty of land inside of our urban growth boundaries already for industries including high-tech. There's over 10,000 acres of industrial land around the state ...

Farmland: Taking this land irreparably harms agriculture. It's essential that we protect them for agricultural uses. And, losing this large section of farmland that connects Washington County's farm country together could irreparably harm the entire industry.

We urge you to STOP this bill.

Sincerely,
Nancy & Dean Hiser