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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I urge you to vote no on yet another land grab to suit special interests by Sen. Sollman that in no way helps Hillsboro beyond lining the pockets of politicians and developers.

I oppose SB 1586 and this possible amendment. I am appalled at the lack of public transparency on a major urban growth boundary decision. There were no public notices, meetings, agendas, or deliberations about the specific provisions of SB 1586 or the possibility of a compromise.

SB 1586 proposes to pave over 1,700 acres of some of the world's best soils currently being stewarded by Oregon farmers and farmworkers just outside of Hillsboro. These are Class I and II soils, and economists call them a "comparative advantage" for our state. SB 1586 also includes a total of \$440 million in tax credits through 2029 for corporations under the theory that giving away land, public infrastructure dollars, tax credits, and property tax abatements will lure them to Oregon to create jobs. Very few jobs are created and this whole bill is terrible.

Please do better for our state and Washington County.
Peggy Harris