

I am a resident of Portland, but I subscribe to a CSA based in Hillsboro and have for a few years. I support the CSA for the access it gives me to healthful food for me and my family, but also important is a commitment to local agriculture. I therefore oppose SB 1586 for many reasons, but here are two of the most important:

- There is plenty of land already inside the current urban growth boundaries for industries including high-tech. There are over 10,000 acres of industrial land around the state and 500 just next door to this land in Hillsboro. Hillsboro has had 15 years to attract high-job industries but instead is filling it rapidly with data centers and warehouses. The state does not even have an industrial lands inventory. We should know what we have and invest in those lands so we can minimize our costs and the impacts on surrounding farmland.
- Taking this land irreparably harms another industry: agriculture. Agriculture depends on soil, and this land has some of the best in the world. Class 1 soils only make up about 2% of the soils in the Willamette River Basin and are the very best soils on earth. These are Class 1 and Class 2 soils and it is essential that we protect them for agricultural uses. Further, losing this large section of farmland that connects Washington county's farm country together could irreparably harm the entire industry.

For these reasons and more, please vote no on SB 1586.