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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I urge you to oppose HB 1586, which seeks to bring 1700 acres inside Hillsboro's UGB for industrial use.

These 1700 acres are world-class farmland. There is plenty of land already available for industrial development without destroying this prime agricultural parcel by paving and building on it. Agriculture is Oregon's second biggest economic driver. Farming is made harder for existing and potential farmers when land is taken out of agricultural production. The local businesses which serve farmers also suffer.

In 2014, Hillsboro was granted over 1000 acres for 50 years' worth of industrial development, which it has used up rapidly. The state also promised in 2014 to protect this farmland as rural reserve until at least 2065. It should not break that promise when Hillsboro didn't use its prior grant well, and when this bill would allow a few property owners to make vast amounts of money by selling this 1700 acres at up to \$1 million per acre as industrial land, rather than at \$20-30 per acre as farmland.

This is the sixth effort to bring this land inside the UGB. It has been strenuously opposed for good reason every time, and should be denied again.

Please vote no on SB1586.

Thank you.

Amy Houchen