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Good morning Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee,

My name is Myrna Muñoz and I'm a bilingual educator of over 25 years, proud resident of Forest Grove in Senate District 15, a Mexican-American mother of two, with a lifetime of participatory citizenship. I vote regularly since I excitedly registered at 18, keep myself informed, and connect with my representatives regularly.

I'm an Oregonian who opposes SB 1586 for three main reasons: Our community, most affected by these ideas, was not consulted; these data centers have extensive research that identifies them as a problem in any community they enter; and we need the tax revenue from this land to keep our health and future safe.

First, I am concerned about the democratic principles under which the ideas and protocols outlined in the bill were gathered and decided on. It seems that we forgot to include loops for feedback from the community. When I learned about this bill and its avenues for bringing data centers to our region, I was alarmed. I couldn't believe I had missed engagement processes for this because I know my community feels like me: We don't want the danger of data centers around us, how could this happen? In the last week, it has become clear to me that community voice was not a priority for the folks moving this bill forward. It's inappropriate to follow the federal government's lead with regard to democracy. Who makes the decisions in our community? *El pueblo, con su voto!*

Second, I am worried about the effects of data centers on our local water and electricity supplies. The Oregonian interviewed local researchers around the electricity demands of these centers, calling it the "9-gigawatt problem" and explaining that this has the potential to end electricity access as we know it within 5 years. Being a member of a minoritized ethnic group, this has me on edge: the effects of things like this usually fall on my community, and I'm not sure we can have any more impacts on our ignored community. We deserve rights, as you would not have this country without us. The federal government has decided to suspend due process for us, and on top of that, you don't consider the impacts of your actions on us? It seems you agree with the Federal government, and we'll need to fight you on this- for our survival.

Third, As we face budget cuts because we "just don't produce enough revenue", I am shocked that we are considering giving these folks tax cuts that affect our community safety and education. We need funded schools, and cutting taxes for folks ruining the soil is getting us nowhere closer to funding it. I don't understand how we handed you large progressive majorities in both chambers, and we are clearly aligning to Donald Trump's Agenda to put profits over

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people. Now is the time to put people over profit and make sure our communities' needs are centered into the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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