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I am totally against removing the protections afforded by Oregon's gold standard land use laws in order to develop these 1,700 acres of high value farmland. The fact that they could go to house data centers is just shameful. At a time when AI and social media are already putting our churches and jobs at risk, there is now a manufactured "demand" for that specific land. There is an awful amount of land already set aside for commercial development so let those "needs" set up in business elsewhere, but do not mess with protected farm land! This land is already in use for the less glamorous industry of farming but it provides us with crops, food, careers, and the stability of the state's food-web. We need farms, not data centers and other big-box commercialism on our state's best farm land.