

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

My name is Ryan Michaud and I live in Washington County, just west of the land that is in question. I am an airline pilot, and I travel the world extensively for my job. The airline that I work for allows the flexibility to live almost anywhere in the world, yet I chose to live here.

I am opposed to SB 1586 because it clearly goes against what I believe are the values that people in the Pacific Northwest hold, such as respect for our environment, our neighbors, and our community as a whole. The corporations looking to grab this land respect none of those things that we value.

The environmental impact of this bill is detrimental, yet it seems to matter not to the corporations building data centers, or the politicians that are quick to approve their construction. Our water supply is being sucked dry by an industry that has very little use. Our power grids are not expanding to meet this growing demand, and the corporations do not respect the laws. Look at the data centers out east that are using methane generators that pump out toxic emissions. Consider that our current federal government is actively removing environmental protections. What makes us think that we are immune from that?

This bill seems to have little respect for the community as it benefits nobody living in this area except for probably some politicians who have been paid by lobbyists. This bill does not provide job opportunities. It does not collect a fair share of tax revenue. It just allows for more theft of our resources by greedy corporations. I wish to express the shame I have for the people selling us out. Please have some respect for your neighbors before they start moving out.

I please ask that you vote no on SB 1586.

Thank you.