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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

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

My name is Migdalia Michaud, and I live in Forest Grove.

I love where I live and have no plans to leave anytime soon. I am strongly opposed to SB1586 and its use of 1700 acres of rural reserves for industrial use. This deal, and how it was created in a back-alley manner, alone shows why this bill is wrong and not in the best interest of the people who live and pay taxes here. It's also an obvious money grab, and every party involved in its creation should be ashamed. This horrendous example of a bill managed by Senator Solomon directly impacts not only me but also the surrounding communities and future generations for the following reasons:

Our farms and what we provide to our community are sacred in this day and age. Food and our ability to continue cultivating it are so important for our food security. Now more than ever, we need to invest in our farmers and help future generations keep, maintain, and further cultivate the knowledge and land to do so. It's obvious the agricultural industry needs everyone's local support, and this is a slap in the face to those hardworking people who put food on your plate.

What we know now is that data centers are exceptionally volatile investment-wise, harm the water tables, emit pollution, and offer NO JOBS. We also know that none of these companies pays their fair share in taxes. So why would anyone would think this bill is ok? Is it the money from "contributions," the promises made, or the complete lack of care for future generations while extracting more from our environment? You have to have a reason for allowing this. We are all watching in real time. There has to be some form of corruption that would tell someone it's ok to allow a data center that can't feed us or provide water to have more say and support over the health of its community. Of course public records have already answered that question for me. So I digress.

I ask that you question why you have your seats? Is it because you stand with the community, or are you in your position for something else? I will end with my frustration with people who are elected to help the community but actually hurt their own families and us. Who do you think will be left when you are gone? Who are you leaving the planet to, exactly? What will our food security look like, and will we have clean water, or at least views of something other than "progress?" This really looks like a few wealthy people and everyone else. We are watching and taking notes on how we vote for our elected leaders going forward. We need representatives who are

still for the people and the environment and not for faceless corporations, profit, extraction, and exploitation.

For all that I wrote above and an even longer list of reasons, I ask that you act as you work for us and vote NO on SB 1586, and provide more communication with those you serve. Do better, or someone else will.