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To Whom it may Concern,

As a landowner in Hillsboro, Oregon I am writing in strong opposition to SB 1586.

5 years ago I saw a parcel of rural farm land, 6.36 acres, that now sits within the proposed 1700 acres. I did my due diligence and since the land was farm / forest and being protected until 2064, I bought the property.

I started building my house in 2022 and moved into the house in 2023. Since then, I have put in several thousand feet of irrigation, fruit trees, blueberries, grape vines, a custom green house, shop, chicken coop and a barn. I am a farmer and in the last 3 years I have been busy building my farm. I started this Project 4 years ago and am now 67, I don't think it is fair to change the zoning for this 1700 acres. I am not just talking about my property, but the entire 1700. Selling off a large part of the 1700 would affect the entire 1700 acres.

I can't tell you how devastating it is to know that the Land Grab is back on the table. That anyone who doesn't live here can say it is "available land" is beyond me. Unfair! They should be held to the agreement made in the "Great Bargain"! This land should remain rural until 2064!

We want our farm and our home. Our voices should be heard over those landowners who don't even live on the land and lease it to others for farming.

My wife grew up in Hillsboro and it has changed. Industrial growth, Intel, data centers, but is life better for the citizens of Hillsboro? No. The cost of electricity and gas has gone way up. Our property taxes continue to climb. The burden on the those who live here is high while these big businesses get tax breaks. The Hillsboro that once was is gone.

In conclusion, I ask that you consider the lives that this land currently supports, from human to creature, we all deserve a voice and a place to live.

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