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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Members of the Committee,

I urge you to vote no on SB 1586. As a lifelong Washington County resident and Hillsboro homeowner, it's disheartening to see drastic changes made to the land around us without clear benefit to our present or future. In fact, this bill has a loophole that would allow almost unlimited data centers as long as they're "attached" to another business. Data centers don't produce jobs or tax revenue, but Hillsboro has plenty of land for them already (there's over 500 acres just next door to the land in question) if that's how city residents choose to grow.

Additionally, SB 1586 would leave residents bearing the cost of this unwanted and unnecessary sprawl. Hillsboro hasn't shown detailed figures, but even their document shows they won't break even for 34 years. While we've heard that the bill may be amended to remove a provision that would double the tax break to businesses including data centers, another bill this session would extend a similar tax break. Other states are cutting or reassessing their tax breaks to these industries. We should not be using our tax dollars to incentivize low-job industries that waste our energy and natural resources and are profitable on their own- especially when we're in a budget crisis.

For these reasons and more, please vote no on SB 1586.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Love