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To Whom it may Concern,

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

Only 5 years ago my husband and I purchased our 6.36 acre parcel of land that sits within the proposed 1700 acres being considered for zone changes. What drew us to the property was the fact that it was zoned Farm/Forest land... Rural Reserves! We were excited to start our little farm and be organic land stewards of this incredibly fertile land.

Shortly after we paid \$18,000.00 in permit fees we got wind that there was something brewing to change the zoning. We continued our build and our dreams despite this, and in hopes that it would be dismissed, which it was, but not for long.

We have now been tending this land and growing our little farm for 4 years.

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!

Hell No! It's not "available" or "build ready"! We don't have a "For Sale" in our yard!

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.

Another consideration is nature. Quoting from Tualatin River Keepers:

"The streams, riparian areas, and wetlands hold surface water, offering flood resilience, slowing erosion, and filtering new water as it enters the watershed. Additionally, these areas provide wildlife habitat for dozens of species of fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, and insects."

To me, that says it all. What better reason to ban SB1586 than to protect the watershed that we all rely on?!!

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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