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I am a public health student, trying desperately to hold onto hope that those with the leverage to do so MAKE BETTER, HEALTHIER, HUMANE CHOICES FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. Environmental health and public health are one in the same. With the EPA being slashed and regulations abandoned, we have to do everything we can to be protective of our homes and prevent greed from using loopholes or weak, unspecified language to get away with pollution, extraction, water theft, illness. Using land for this instead of the health and wellbeing of our communities? Instead of fixing problems we already have, why add more?

Please kick out this proposed bill and any like it. These data centers have HORRIBLE effects on the environmental health of our homes, and thus the physical health of our communities, as well. They pull water, water we desperately need for human and agriculture needs. Water we need for our literal survival on this planet. What this bill promises will not guarantee jobs for Oregonians or local improvements. It does not give back to our communities—it is only extractive, like 99% of what anything related to AI is. This goes against zoning precedents—ask yourself why they are precedents in the first place, and the benefits of caution?

I ask you to look at who profits from these measures. And who loses.

OPPOSE THIS BILL OR LOSE YOUR JOB. Think about the harms this will do to human and environmental health. Do you want to be responsible for the degradation of our environment, your constituents health, the health of younger generations who will have to continually fight to repair or make do with as over-burdened climate that will *never* go back to something you may recognize from your youth.