

Submitter: Ellen Singer
On Behalf Of: My Community
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue:

My name is Ellen Singer and I am a community member from Eugene in Lane County. I am writing to you today to strongly oppose SB 1586. This is an unnecessary annexation of EFU zoned land that hurts farmers, sets a bad precedent for ignoring the public process in land use matters, and disregards our high value soils in favor of enriching a few.

This is important to me because agriculture is so much more essential than data centers. Arable land should not be sacrificed for artificial intelligence. You can't eat AI!! We grow some of our own food, and rely on farmers markets and farm stands for much of our produce.

Oregon has a thriving community food system because our land use laws protect EFU land close to our urban centers. Without this land, small farmers would not be able to make all the CSAs, farmers markets, and farm stands that Oregonian's love possible. SB 1586 is not necessary, there is other land within Hillsboro's UGB and the UGB of neighboring cities like Wilsonville that are better suited.

Do not sacrifice this agricultural land for a vague promise of tech investment. Do not set a precedent of ignoring community input and public process. Do not support SB 1586.

Thank you,

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