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Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Sen. Anthony Broadman, Chair, and Sen. Mike McLane, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Re: SB 1586 — Omnibus Land Use, Tax Credits and Changes in Permitting —
OPPOSE

I am writing in strong opposition to SB 1586. The Oregon Legislature should protect our critical farmland including the loss of 1,700 acres in Washington County that will be put at risk of development by passage of this bill. This bill would convert 1,700 acres of designated Rural Reserve farmland to industrial use. These 1,700 acres were designated to be protected as Rural Reserves until 2065. The consequences include loss of some of the state's richest soils, especially when there are alternatives within the existing UGB. The need to rezone is unnecessary. There are at least 10,000 acres of industrial lands already available inside Oregon's urban growth boundaries, including several hundred that can be developed in Hillsboro alone.

The bill has a loophole that would allow almost unlimited data centers as long as they are "attached" to another business. Data centers don't produce jobs or tax revenue and use our water and power resources, not to mention other serious environmental concerns.

Vote NO on SB 1586 and protect our agricultural land. It is our legacy!