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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4084

Dear House Committee on Revenue,

At the very minimum, this bill needs to be amended to end the property tax exemptions for data centers.

Data centers -- which are both an enormous drain on our water resources and our electric grid -- are currently getting 5 years without property taxes in most cities and more in rural Oregon. As written HB 4084 Adds 3 more years of tax exemption. We cannot afford that. Data indicates that the property tax exemptions reduced the Oregon state budget by \$457 Million this year alone.

I honestly am very sad that this race-to-the-bottom bill is being considered at all. Economic prosperity for the average citizen is not improved by decreased taxes for corporations. Large corporations are often bad stewards of land and resources, and every acre of land they take up is an acre that is not available for local farming or entrepreneurship. Every acre taken up by a data center is likely adding cost and uncertainty to Oregon families' water and electric bills.

Please do better. But at least remove the tax breaks for data centers, which are a danger to our communities in multiple ways.

Sincerely,

Helena Birecki