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I am strongly opposed to the annexation of our precious farmlands to make way for more Corporations and industrial buildings. Hillsboro currently has 29 Data centers and a battery storage facility under construction. The quality of life is quickly devolving under the current leadership. Our electric bills and water bills have risen while corporations get tax breaks. Furthermore, one only has to look at Morrow county in Boardman to see the negative impacts of data centers and more corporate expansion. Furthermore, this is being sold as a "jobs" bill but we all know AI will be absorbing many of these factory jobs within the next 5-10 years leaving Hillsboro residents unemployed with fewer farmlands. In addition, there has been no public testimony or input from the community that is great impacted. I encourage our leaders to step back and listen to the people. We don't need or want this in Hillsboro.