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

My name is Christina French Loope and while my address is Newberg I am a Washington County resident and small farmer with land that overlooks the the valley along Sunset Highway. I'm writing in strong opposition to SB 1586.

Climate change, food security for our community, and air quality are some of the many reasons I oppose SB 1586.

My first concern is that with the ongoing climate impacts on farms like extreme weather and lack of rainfall, we will need more farmland to support our communities.

At this very moment our farm is at risk of losing our entire plum harvest due to premature budding during the record breaking warm January we had and a predicted cold snap this week. We need a diversity of crops and crop land to help keep us resilient.

Replacing all of that crop land with industry will not just impact the environment that industry is built on, but also impact all farmers in the area. Less moisture being captured by the soil and slowly released and the excess heat that parking lots and industrial buildings make and store, will warm and dry out our valley further.

Every day I look out my window and see the impact the exhaust Intel and other industries emit, creating pollution filled clouds over the Beaverton and Hillsboro area, which leads to artificial overcast conditions and pollutants that impact the health of the community. The book Boiling Frogs, a book specifically about the chemicals and their health impacts released by Intel, should be required reading for all representatives and community leaders. We shouldn't build more industry until we can provide effective oversight of the industries we have. Intel forgetting to turn on or maintain their exhaust filters is unacceptable and evidence that our county needs to get better educated at managing the corporations before inviting more in.

If creating more jobs is our goal, let's give incentives to farms to hire more staff and keep any investment the county makes in the county!