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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I've lived in Oregon for 71 years and am a fourth-generation farmer's daughter. My father was a conservationist in every sense of the word, long before it was a popular idea, and he taught his family well on the importance of soil, water, birds and wildlife. Some of the richest soil in the world needs to be maintained as farmland, not to be covered with asphalt and buildings. I strongly support keeping the "Exclusive Farm Use" designation for the original purpose intended and stop commercialization of farmland. In a society where we now protect old animals, salmon, wildlife, why don't we protect rich farmland? Please stop burying rich farmland. Five times Oregonians have said "NO" to this development; KILL SB 1586.