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SB 1586 represents a comprehensive and coordinated approach to strengthening Oregon's advanced manufacturing ecosystem. By combining strategic site readiness, targeted incentives, and regulatory improvements, this legislation addresses the key factors that influence business investment decisions: land availability, cost competitiveness, and predictability.

North Hillsboro, with an additional 1,700 acres designated as urban reserves, provides a critical supply of build-ready land for advanced manufacturing. Requiring the land to be used for advanced manufacturing and related suppliers — while prohibiting stand-alone data centers — ensures that the site is reserved for high-wage, job-generating industries aligned with Oregon's strategic economic priorities.

Supply chains, workforce mobility, housing demand, small business growth, and regional infrastructure systems do not stop at city boundaries. When large-scale manufacturing investments occur in our region, Beaverton-based suppliers, service providers, construction firms, and small businesses often benefit. Our workforce also participates in this ecosystem, with residents commuting across jurisdictions.

Expanding build-ready industrial land helps ensure the region remains competitive for major investments that generate long-term economic opportunity.

Thank you for this opportunity.