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I moved to the State of Oregon, and the Hillsboro area, 8 months ago, specifically to enjoy the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. I love the proximity of Hillsboro/Beaverton to the Portland urban center while still being able to enjoy the serenity of this beautiful area. Last summer, my family and I drove out to the Oregon coast several times and enjoyed seeing the rural farmland turn into the forests and hills. It was calming, it was peaceful, it was natural. Last fall we enjoyed going to farms for berry picking, festivals, and flowers. I am a proud supporter of local agro-tourism and want to continue to be able to take my daughter to nearby farms. I don't want to drive by massive buildings and data centers that scar the landscape. I did not move here to admire corporations that pollute and damage the earth. I did not move here to support corporations that only care about their shareholders. Look at the history and impact of data centers across the country. Every community in which a data center has been built has dealt with decreased water pressure to the point of a trickle, contaminated water supply, and increased noise levels causing physical and mental distress.

I strongly oppose this bill because of the likely, negative consequences on the natural resources. As a new resident and voter in Hillsboro and Oregon, this bill is also informative of who I will be supporting come re-election. Show the people of Oregon that our elected officials still stand for maintaining the beauty and culture of the Pacific Northwest, not supporting corporations who have no cultural or community ties. No one will miss a data center; everyone will miss countryside.