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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear honored Legislators,

My name is Denise Caire and I've lived in Hillsboro for 40 years. Thank you for considering my comments. Please vote "No" on SB 1586. This part of SB 4 was never sanctioned.

Small change? Unicorn? What about food? The "right kind of land?" If you circumvent the Land Use Goals? What public input, what robust community engagement? This bill is just the tip of the ice berg. It's the "camel getting it's nose under the tent." It will fragment the farming system for it to "bleed out."

Why this big parcel of 1,700 acres of Grade A soil, perfectly suited to be the foundation of all types of agriculture is persistently, coveted by the legislature and their consortium (my word).

Listen. Learn. Act. Are you listening and learning? No, just acting to impose their desires on others.

The non-stop PUSH to grab the fertile, 1,700 acres north of Hillsboro has failed 5 times. Here's a sixth try? You really should tackle the root cause, the 19 Land Use Goals, to correct our system if it's flawed. How much have the previous 5 attempts and now the sixth, cost the tax payer?

It's a shame that the disappointed land owners of HB 4078 and leadership at the city (Hillsboro), county (Washington and metro), and state (Oregon) levels ARE NOT LISTENING TO THE PEAPLE.

HB 4078 was set to last for 50 years, through 2065. It's been 12 years. Farmers and agriculturists have made plans, made BIG investments in planning, preparation, equipment, structures, timing, and more.

SB 1586 side steps our well-proven 19 Land Use Goals for testing, evaluating, and designating the use of property and zoning to achieve a fair and balanced proportion across all land uses.

Where are the Impact studies, on air quality (environment), traffic, health, ecology (wildlife), and LIVIBILITY, etc.? Not only for the traffic glut, but for the environmental damage from the factories and additional traffic.

I respectfully ask you to oppose SB 1586 and to support Oregon's core land use

principles and goals: Protecting farmland, supporting production agriculture, and ensuring the vitality of our cities and towns by keeping nonfarm commercial development where it belongs. Stop the ugly sprawl.

Think not just of today or tomorrow, but consider many generations into the future.

Let the developers, investors, builders, realtors, out-of-state large corporations, lobbyists, prospectors, etc. play by the current land use goals. These goals have kept Oregon beautiful, unique, and awesome for over 50 years. They can do the same for the next 50, or 100 years. I urge you to vote "NO" on this bill.

If it passes, there will be "changes" over time that will break the promises in this bill if history serves me correctly.

Best regards,
Denise Caire