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I am land use planner in the Portland area, and have worked here almost 15 years supporting industrial and advanced technology projects.

I am writing today to express my strong support for SB 1586.

In my role, I hear frequently how businesses outside of Oregon perceive our state. Increasingly, executives and site selection consultants describe Oregon as “not open for business.” We regularly hear that companies are unwilling to consider Oregon due to our tax structure, regulatory uncertainty, limited industrial land supply, and a perception that state leadership does not prioritize economic growth and development. Meanwhile, other states are aggressively competing for these employers with clear incentives, shovel-ready sites, and coordinated economic development strategies which encourage high-paying jobs and economic prosperity. Oregon is falling behind.

From a practical standpoint, the infrastructure surrounding the identified 373 acres is significantly more prepared to support advanced manufacturing development than many other areas in Oregon.

Overall, we are woefully unprepared to handle even moderate economic growth given our current supply of developable industrial land and economic incentive/tax policies.

SB 1586 represents an important step toward addressing these challenges. Policies that increase site readiness, improve certainty in the development process, and demonstrate that Oregon values responsible, moderate economic growth are essential if we are to compete regionally and nationally.

I respectfully urge you to support SB 1586 and help position Oregon as a state that is truly open for business, capable of attracting high-quality employers and sustaining long-term economic prosperity for our communities and families in Oregon.

Thank you kindly for your time and service to our communities.