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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4084

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Revenue Committee,

I oppose fast-tracking "market-ready industrial land" without ensuring data centers no longer benefit from property tax breaks through rural e-zones or SIPS.

These data centers historically have not been long term job creators; they ratchet up residential utility bills; they siphon local property taxes from schools and other safety net services; and promulgate unregulated environmental degradation.

In the meantime tech overlords further concentrate their wealth and power speculating on cryptocurrency and the AI bubble economy, with disdain towards ordinary people.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2026/01/15/as-googles-water-demands-grow-the-dalles-aims-to-pull-more-from-mount-hood-forest/>

<https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2026/01/will-consumers-pay-for-oregons-climate-ambitions-data-center-boom.html>

<https://www.rollingstone.com/culture/culture-features/data-center-water-pollution-amazon-oregon-1235466613/>

Fast tracking industrial development must take into account the kinds of industry Oregonians can benefit from—which data centers are not.

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