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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4084
to the House Revenue Committee:

Thank you in advance for reading my comments on HB 4084A.

This bill presents an opportunity to right a wrong to the state of Oregon and to its people. Please use it to end Oregon's property tax breaks to data centers.

These wealthy companies who use or finance data centers do not need to be subsidized. They are profitable ventures who need a place to locate facilities, and they can afford to pay their own way. They do not deserve \$457 million in tax breaks from Oregon. Unfortunately, it appears that we do subsidize them in terms of electricity, water and the use of our former farm land. I must pass a number of these data centers now occupying what was farm or natural land on each trip I take from my home into Hillsboro.

There are plenty of others to whom we should extend our tax support and loyalty. From my point of view having raised two children in the Hillsboro school district, the most obvious is maintaining the quality of our education system. Frankly I don't mind admitting that as a seventy-seven year-old who has lived in the same Washington County home for over fifty years, I think a property tax break for senior citizens would be more appropriate than a tax break for these corporations and their billionaire owners.

While I am not requesting the above adjustment, we seniors are one segment who illustrates the ridiculous nature of this portion of the tax code that heavily subsidizes outside billionaires and investors. Please use this precious opportunity to end data center subsidies and stand up for Oregon!

Thank you for your service to our state.

Sincerely,
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