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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I am writing to oppose Senate Bill 1586. In 2014 Hillsboro residents and nonprofits succeeded in setting aside these 1,700 acres to not be rezoned for 50 years. Local governments need to abide by this public process and not take the quick cash, and long term economic deterioration, this bill would cause. There is a loophole in the bill that allows data centers if they are "related industry" to biotechnology, alternative energy production, and semiconductor manufacturing. Data centers are extremely detrimental to local environments, water sources surrounding Hillsboro would become polluted, the 1700 acres (and surrounding areas) would become sterile, and local farming industries on and near this land would suffer. Electricity prices would skyrocket, and Hillsboro residents would be on the hook for millions in the tax breaks towards these Data centers and other industries. In 2024, Oregon school districts lost \$275 million to tax abatement due to the tax credits Oregon offers Data centers. Hillsboro school districts will truly suffer if this bill passes. Finally, Data Centers do not provide long term jobs, the primary jobs they provide are for construction - once this is over it takes very few workers to run these centers. I strongly oppose this bill, please abide by the public process from 2014 and protect these lands from being rezoned.