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

Greetings Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee,

My name is Stefanie Landman and I live in Forest Grove. I am a teacher and have a background working in natural resources. I am an Oregonian who opposes SB 1586 because this land is far too valuable to be paved over and used for industrial purposes. This high quality, fertile, rich farmland sequesters carbon, absorbs rainwater and runoff, GROWS FOOD, maintains healthy ecosystems, and maintains the rural and farmland legacy of this area. Wetland habitats, an incredibly fragile yet vital ecosystem, are especially sensitive to development and will be harmed by the expansion of the urban growth boundary, which has irreparable effects downstream, impacting us all.

I don't trust that this will actually create jobs. To build large warehouses or data centers, there are construction jobs up front but not many long term jobs that are going to be a positive impact for the community. We need food, we don't need polluted water and unhealthy land from new construction that will impede the natural beauty of the area for nearly no benefit to the community- big tech and construction firms stand to make tons of money, but they are not your constituents or the majority of the community.

I have been to community meetings, seen the emails, and know that the vast majority of constituents oppose this measure. Your job is to represent us. To continue with this land grab despite strong opposition from your constituents is not representation. I ask you to please VOTE NO on SB 1586, and instead focus on efforts to improve lives for community members. Thank you.