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

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane and Committee Members of Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I am a lifelong Oregonian that lives in unincorporated western Lane county near Eugene, and I work as an information technology (IT) engineer. I have worked in datacenters throughout my career, even having to travel to Hillsboro to visit the datacenters there.

I oppose SB 1586 and the -4 amendments.

SB 1586 -4 is complex: it combines significant changes to tax incentives for advanced manufacturing with the industrialization of specific tracts of land in Washington County. Rushing this complex bill in a short session bypasses the local, community, and statewide collaborations that allow residents to be engaged and for communities to accurately assess economic predictions. Thus, the bill sets a dangerous precedent for special interests to bypass the iconic Oregon Land Use Act of 1973.

Many companies are looking to dodge financial responsibility for the datacenter building boom we are in by moving liabilities to communities. When there is change in the industry, these large buildings and their footprints will persist. I hope to not see these turned into US Citizenship and Immigration Services detention centers.

I urge you to vote no on SB 1586 and the -4 amendments.

Thank you.