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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

I strongly oppose SB 1586. This bill allows for the conversion of farmland to promote technology centers that create very few jobs and hog natural resources. This is a direct impact to food security and generational farming. We are continuing to lose farmland at a rapid rate to commercial development and private equity acquisition. If we want an "America First" and pro-farmer environment in this nation, we need to begin at ceasing to convert farmland for industrial use. Especially when that use consumes massive amounts of natural resources. Data centers are not profit generators for cities. They are a temporary boost for construction but operate largely without much staff and consume large amounts of electricity and water. This will raise utility rates for residents in Washington County and raise the potential for blackouts in times of high demand - extreme heat and cold.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on SB 1586.