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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear committee members, I'm writing to strongly oppose SB 1586. As 1000 Friends of Oregon said, "Legislation like this doesn't lead to great jobs for people; it leads to higher energy and water bills, new fees to keep basic services open like the libraries, and out-of-work farmers and farmworkers." It would give away prime farmland, the second biggest economic driver in Washington County, in exchange for low-paying jobs and corporations that wouldn't pay their share of the infrastructure necessary to develop this land.

There are already over 10,000 acres available for industrial use within the UGBs of Oregon towns and cities, and if large industries want to move in there can use the areas zoned appropriately. Farmland should stay farmland, not data centers. Thank you.