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Hello, Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue. I'm writing as a Portlander urging an opposition vote on this bill. The worries and concerns I'm hearing from community members and farmers in the Hillsboro region, make me wonder if this bill could have been done better, to ensure that community needs and fears are being heard.

I'm worried that we'll continue to build a massive amount of electrical infrastructure that is going to impact the energy affordability for all of PGE's residential customers. I'm seeing how the massive data center growth in the area has impacted so many on their monthly bills. What would an expansion for industry contribute to peoples bills, in a time where we're seeing record disconnects and folks struggling to make ends meet. I worry about how much labor organization exists in these advance manufacturing fabs. I don't want our Oregon to invest in industries that turn around and prevent union participation. Lastly, I want to ensure that land is not being used irresponsibly, especially land that has some of the best growing soil in the world.

I don't know what could have been compromised on regarding this bill, but I think having had more dialogue with the community that will be impacted would have definitely helped in reaching a consensus.