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This is a follow up to what I have previously testified to. I have received feed back from Metro which was alarming, to say the least. There can be no “balancing” of economic concerns versus preservation of farm lands. Once these lands are gone, they’re gone. I was unaware that Metro is open to amending our land use structure for the purpose of more of this kind of “balancing.” SB 1586 is unabashedly a step in that direction and farm lands are what will be lost. Finally, Hillsboro situated type jobs are not where we should pin our economic future at the expense of a unique and perishable asset. I am really ashamed but not surprised by the sponsors of this bill and those on Metro who are not only in agreement with it but also telling us up front that they will not prioritize farmland in the future. I am completely opposed to all of what SB 1586 is and portends.