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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Hon. members of the Senate Committee on finance and Revenue:

I am Dan Keeley and I farm in the Saint Paul area. We are facing some of the same problems here that you are contemplating creating in Hillsboro. Excessive traffic on rural roads, farm land priced way beyond reason by speculators and complaint from non farm neighbors. I oppose this bill for two reasons:

1. We have a process to decide if development is in the PUBLIC interest. It requires public input. Short circuiting the process in order to benefit developers to the tune of over a billion dollars reeks of corruption and makes a mockery of our democracy. Super siting is always bad.
2. The Oregon land use planning process seeks to minimize conflicts and direct urban uses toward areas with less valuable soils. The area proposed here is literally the cream of the cream for agricultural land. And the purported use would employ few people use excessive amounts of energy and water and in general have few benefits to the public.

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