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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4084

Joint Committee members:

I strongly oppose HB 4084 due to the unnecessary huge property tax breaks and incentives for data centers and crypto mining. They already receive tax breaks and incentives. Why would we give them more?

While other states are working in a bi-partisan effort to look into moratoriums or ending their tax breaks, Oregon and it's governor are working in a bi-partisan effort to increase their tax breaks and incentives, even though they are aware of all the negative outcomes associated with these industries. These places provide very few jobs past the initial construction. They drive up energy demand and prices for everyone else, while overtaxing our electrical grid. They create water challenges while devouring up valuable farm land, open spaces and vital wildlife corridors.

The recent amendment to exclude the enterprise zone tax benefits until 2027 is conveniently timed after the 2026 election and will have no significant impact for any projects not already in the works due to planning and construction timelines.

Unless further amended to permanently exclude data centers and crypto mining industries from enterprise zone tax benefits, I urge you to vote no on HB 4084. Quit forcing Oregonians to heavily subsidize these industries!!