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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4084

I'm writing in STRONG opposition to HB 4084.

HB 4084 opens pathways for corrupt acts to be committed against our community, taxes, and citizen interests. The passing of HB 4084 would allow data center growth to spill across on our farmland and natural resources, irreparably harming our beautiful Oregon environment. These tax breaks for certain enterprise zones disproportionately harm the poor as the costs of operation and environmental toll of existence will be offset onto the very people these tax breaks are supposed to help. It's a fallacy to believe that the minimal increase in job availability during construction of these concrete monsters would be worth the health impacts of living near these semiconductor/fabrication/manufacturing businesses and data centers long-term.

Oregon can not afford to lose 4.5 BILLION DOLLARS of local revenue to these tax breaks over the next 10 years. There has been no proposal for how to make up that shortfall. That revenue loss will mean our social services (fire department, police, etc) must work with less funding and fewer resources. Do you want your house to be MORE or LESS protected from disaster? Do you actually want to see your community THRIVE, or are you happy to watch it burn?

I urge you to consider the future of this developing city when voting NO on HB 4084.

Thank you for opposing this measure,  
Asha Bastidas  
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