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Nice try with the amendments this past weekend! But it's really not enough – you're just getting started!! **DON'T LET US KEEP BLEEDING.**

More amendments are drastically needed. Preferably, stop tax abatements for all new data centers across the state! These subsidies should have ended a decade ago. Since that's doesn't appear to be an available option this week, adopt the remaining amendments!

Adopt the -B15 to remove the \$40 million for site development – a loan program (if a plan for repayment is developed). The \$10 million already set to begin allocation next year is **PLENTY** enough for a test run.

And adopt the -B20 to **LIMIT** the new jobs credit to advanced manufacturing, and, importantly, **DEFINE** advanced manufacturing.

Oregon needs the -21 amendment to stop all data centers and **CRYPTO-MINING** from getting new enterprise zone tax exemptions on property and machinery and equipment.

Please add the -24 to at least make an effort toward a **MORATORIUM**. Our law making has not caught up with an understanding of the impacts and lack of guardrails of the industry. We need time to study what's needed before further **LOSSES TO OUR HEALTH AND ECONOMY**. Rising lung disease and stress illnesses related to data center proliferation are quite real but not yet well understood. Our water tables and rivers must not be sacrificed for the monster. The costs of expanding the power grid must be studied and **NOT** assigned to each subscriber, but to the driving industry. And our 2nd most important economic sector, agriculture, must never be squandered for data center sprawl! There's no way to undo such destruction.

While data center subsidies across the state increased from \$330 million to \$450 million in a single year; and in Hillsboro the subsidies increased from \$45 to \$90 million, we're bleeding! **DO NOT DOUBLE DOWN ON SUBSIDIES** for urban data centers as HB 4084B allows. If you eliminate those property tax breaks, **OREGON WILL STILL BE THE MOST ATTRACTIVE low-tax-for-data-centers state on the west coast** (no sales tax). Our cross Pacific cable network is another unique advantage.

The expansion of the data center industry already has momentum in Oregon whether

we like it or not, Most Oregonians DON'T LIKE IT.

The concepts for enterprise zones never envisioned such a GREEDY CREATURE as a data center that would suck every kilowatt hour, every million gallons of water per day, and every school budget dollar away from our children – while supporting hardly any families! In the wake, left with noise pollution, light pollution, and destroyed prime farmland, and lost quality of life!

These exemptions, when they apply to data centers, contribute to the huge hole in our Revenue Budget – the hole we have this year which will get worse next year.

Please do the hard work make the hole shrink! The data center industry neither earns, deserves, nor needs the enterprise zones in any part of our lovely Oregon.

THANK YOU.

Save Helvetia is on fertile farmland, threatened by expanding data center proliferation.