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Greetings Senators,

I am writing today in oppositions of SB 1586. I've always considered myself lucky to live where I live. The beautiful rolling hills, the incredible agriculture scene, the diversity in birds and critters I see each day. These are all things that make Hillsboro and Aloha special.

SB 1586 would bring 1,700 acres of some of the best farmland in the world into Hillsboro's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) for industrial use. Hillsboro received over 1,000 acres of industrial land in 2014, which was an ample 50-year supply. But the city has been burning through this land quickly on data centers. Contrary to the bill's name, data centers create few, relatively low-paying, jobs. While this bill claims to not allow stand-alone data centers, the federal definition of "advanced manufacturing" includes data centers, and massive data centers attached to anchor business could fill this site just like Hillsboro's 1,000+ acres of industrial land to the east — 29 data centers and counting.

Washington County farmers and residents have loudly opposed this same land grab five other times previously, the latest being during the SB 4 (2023) discussions. Since then, there have been no public hearings or public engagement about this proposal.

We don't need to pave over farmland to create good jobs. The CHIPS Act delivered over $3.18 billion in capital investment to 14 projects — none of which used SB 4's controversial provision to request land outside of an urban growth boundary. SB 1586 relies on a 2023 Semiconductor Task Force Report that claims this land is the only site in the state for semiconductor manufacturing. But the 2023 Semiconductor Committee discovered that the report failed to identify and analyze over 10,000 acres of industrial land. Hillsboro alone has hundreds of acres of unbuilt industrial land available for this use. What we need is an industrial lands inventory to help businesses locate, not a bill that adds massive amounts of land and infrastructure costs to a state that is struggling to pay for what we have. And Oregon certainly does not need to welcome an industry that receives massive tax abatements in return for few jobs.

In addition to SB 1586's proposed paving over of farmland, this bill proposes extending tax breaks for corporations, many of which are data centers. Data centers

create very few, low-paying long-term jobs. They are driving up our energy bills, using up our natural resources, and taking up land that could be more efficiently used to actually create good jobs. These data centers are owned by extremely wealthy companies that can and should be paying their fair share, especially at a time when Oregon is slashing budgets for basic social services that support working Oregonians. SB 1586 confusingly advocates for cutting taxes while also claiming that increased tax revenue will pay for the infrastructure costs of their massive land acquisition.

Hillsboro's numbers don’t add up, and this is not good economic development.
As your constituent, I ask you to stand up and say NO to corporate land grabs and tax breaks that harm all Oregonians.

Thank you.