



Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane and Members of the Committee,

I am Josh Shearer, Managing Director at KGIP and resident of Tigard, Oregon. I'm writing to **urge your support for the Oregon JOBS Act (SB 1586) and continued investments that create jobs and strengthen our state's high- tech industries and economy.**

The semiconductor and biotech industries in Oregon support thousands of family-wage jobs, fuel small businesses, and anchor a supply chain that reaches across the state. These companies are not abstract corporations to us, they are our neighbors, employers, and community partners who sponsor schools, nonprofits, and workforce programs.

The Oregon Jobs Act is an important signal that our state is committed to remaining competitive in a rapidly evolving global economy. If Oregon wants to protect existing jobs and attract the next generation of innovation, we must offer a stable, forward-looking policy environment for companies to expand and locate.

Community members have expressed concerns about the risks of data centers popping up in their backyards. **The Oregon JOBS Act specifically prohibits standalone data centers, commercial warehouses, and commercial recreational facilities from being built on the proposed land. This bill is focused on developing this land around high-employing, high-wage industries; that would benefit the surrounding communities.**

Continued growth in the semiconductor sector benefits our state beyond individual worksites in Hillsboro. It supports our statewide manufacturing ecosystem, expands career opportunities for students across the region, and strengthens our tax base so communities can invest in housing, transportation, and public services. Responsible economic development allows cities and counties like ours to plan for the future while maintaining the quality of life that makes Oregon special.

I urge you to support SB1586, the Oregon JOBS Act, which will promote job creation, encourage manufacturing and research, and reinforce Oregon's role as a global leader in technology and innovation.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Shearer'.

Josh Shearer
Managing Director
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