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On Behalf Of: Protecting the Integrity of the Oregon Land Use
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Committee Members -

On behalf of the Willamette River Preservation Trust, I submit these brief comments in opposition to SB 1586.

It is clear that elements of the bill are working to erode the Oregon Land Use system, and are being fueled by money. This bill is being submitted in the name of "jobs" but it is clear that it is about a select few folks who want to see their land sold, and to provide additional hundreds of acres for Data Centers.

Keep in mind, Data Centers erode jobs in the United States and beyond. This bill is NOT about creating any new, lasting jobs.

It is amazing to many of us that such bills have gained the sponsors and co-sponsors that they have. It seems rather thoughtless, and flies in the face of rules and laws that have been a mainstay in keeping Oregon a place where people want to live. The conservation ethic has clearly been eroded in the Oregon Senate and House, and that is unfortunate. That said, hundreds of thousands of Oregonians want land use rules to protect the environment, farmland, and our quality of life.

Simply saying something is about "jobs" is the oldest ruse in the manual. This is NOT about jobs, and neither Hillsboro, Senator Sollman, or anyone else involved in promoting this bill can show us any metrics that indicate lasting jobs will be created.

Thanks for your consideration.

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