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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

I am a Milwaukie resident writing to urge you to oppose SB 1586.

This bill would expand tax breaks for corporations in the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing sectors and streamline permitting to make it faster and easier for companies to build facilities like data centers. I strongly oppose both of these measures.

Data centers are among the most resource-intensive facilities being built today. They consume enormous amounts of water for cooling and draw heavily on our power grid at a time when Oregon — and the country — is already facing serious energy and water pressures. Making it faster and easier to build them, without stronger environmental guardrails, is irresponsible. Speed should not come at the expense of proper review.

At the same time, the corporations that would benefit most from these tax breaks are not struggling. Many are reporting record profits while simultaneously laying off thousands of workers. Giving them additional public subsidies is not economic development — it is corporate welfare that shifts wealth upward while everyday Oregonians bear the cost.

Oregon should be investing in people, not handing more breaks to companies that don't need them and aren't being held accountable for their impact on our communities and environment.

Please vote no on SB 1586.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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