

Friday February 20, 2026

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane.

Senate Finance and Revenue Committee Members

My name is Colleen Lambert Gildersleeve. Please note my strong strong opposition to SB 1586. Which addresses the rezoning of 1700 acres on the Valley floor adjacent to Hillsboro. Please read a bit further my thoughts.

My family arrived in the Tualatin Valley 1913. Above all other reasons they came from the East for the amazing agricultural possibilities. They respected their/our 100 acres husbanding the land and its resources.

Of course I am not anti growth it surrounds all of us truthfully I am part of it, but be aware that the rush to join this "economic development" phase is ill conceived for this reason:

When I travel across country via PDX or on road trips I love to visit with people. When people hear I am from the Willamette and Tualatin Valley's they are so envious! Our (Oregon's) out of state guests ARE NOT coming to see pavement from PDX to Seaside but coming for the green valleys abundant orchards, vineyards, field crops and forests that Oregon provides.

SB 1586 appears to be a clearing house for data centers and other "needed" tech construction. You are all aware data centers make a big splash with the argument for thousands of people employed creating for their families and in turn revenue for WACO... for a few years! then upon completion a tiny fraction of permanent employees thereafter. So for this you are contemplating giving up the birthright of and for Oregonians in the Tualatin Valley.

Thank you ever so much for considering my thoughts, thus contemplate by voting a resounding "NO" on SB 1586. There will be other less destructive opportunities!

Best to each of you,

Colleen Lambert Gildersleeve