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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Members of the Committee,

Why not use the time tested processes enshrined in our Land Use Laws rather than a special exception for this particular case?

Why give enormous tax credits/relief to wealthy out-of-state corporations instead of to (often struggling) time tested family enterprises in Oregon who have historic geographic and social/cultural ties to Oregon, produce the goods and services we Oregonians actually NEED and are unlikely to leave when the handout pipeline runs dry? Or to other urgent needs in Washington county or the state - affordable housing, healthcare, transportation, homeless issues, etc.?

Why take valuable farmland out of production when agriculture is our second most lucrative economic sector in Oregon?

Why go back on promises made years ago to protect this farmland for the business of farming?

Why incentivize Data Centers, High Tech, more screens and more AI in a time of such extreme economic, societal, environmental, energy, and water uncertainty when what we really need for an abundant life is food, water, shelter, trust and community?

I feel very strongly that this bill is for the short term financial benefit of a few folks who who are already among the "privileged" and not for the long term well being of the rest of us loyal Oregonians. I would give a lot to have this conversation with one of the bill's sponsors but am not sure how to make that happen.

Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling