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I am writing in opposition to SB 1586, which would extend the Urban Growth Boundary and result in the loss of extremely valuable farmland. This is what the UGB was designed to prevent! Why would we pass this bill? We would lose some of our best farmland without any binding guarantee that it would be traded for a reasonable number of good paying jobs for Oregonians. Such good-paying jobs do not magically appear, and I do not see anything in the bill that even suggests, let alone guarantee, that it would happen.

Instead, we might have data centers that employ very few, but consume a great deal of our water and electricity, decrease property tax revenues and support for our schools. There is absolutely no guarantee of a positive outcome for the Metropolitan area.

Thank you for listening. Please deliberate and focus on long term outcomes for our area, and not short term rewards for a few.