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RE: Opposition to SB 1586

Dear Chair Broadman and the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

On behalf of The Intertwine Alliance, I am writing to express our strong opposition to SB 1586, a bill that would turn 1,700 acres of farmland in Rural Reserve to industrial development by bypassing our land use system.

The Intertwine Alliance is a Portland region coalition of 85 public, private and nonprofit partners working for our system of parks, trails and natural areas, and for equitable access to nature. The Portland metro region is rich with greenspace largely because of the careful planning and land use laws we enjoy here.

Passage of SB 1586 would set a dangerous precedent by creating legislative pathways around our land use system. Our region benefits greatly from a united and systematic land use system designed to protect our best agricultural land, forest land, open space and natural resources. The system provides a pathway for smart growth and economic development by evaluating Urban Growth Boundaries every 10 years and establishing Urban Reserves to receive future growth and Rural Reserves to protect the high-value agricultural lands that sustain us. This system allows economic development to go hand-in-hand with environmental protection through a rigorous and public process.

Passage of SB 1586 sends the signal that there is a short-cut around our land use system for special interests, individual communities or elected officials that wish to advance specific projects. Even if the bill is amended to include a smaller acreage, there has been no demonstration that this land is needed for industrial development, or analysis of the impacts on farmland, natural resources, and other public values.



We are deeply concerned about the precedent set by SB 1586 and the signal it sends that favors industrial development opportunities over farmland protection. We ask you to stand up for our regional planning system and oppose SB 1586.

Sincerely,

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