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On Behalf Of:

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Afternoon,

I am writing in opposition to SB1586. Back in 2014 the legislature gave Hillsboro enough land to last until 2065. Why are they back asking for more 12 years later? I think that question, among others, needs to be answered before this bill is considered.

And what of the thousands of acres of industrial lands available in other parts of the state, where the unemployment rates are much higher, that could benefit from this development. Why are we concentrating the entire "tech" industry into Washington County which is already overcrowded?

Is there sufficient infrastructure available in Washington County to support these new developments? Since data centers get mentioned with this bill I am specifically thinking of electricity and water. Is there enough excess capacity in Washington County to support the planned development or will this kick off a flurry of capital investments (taxes) to compensate for a poor siting decision.

Large industrial facilities need careful planning to be economical over the long haul. I do not see that happening here. This bill feels like a byproduct of political cronyism and should be rejected outright.