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Senators,

I'm writing to you in opposition to SB 1586. By now you've likely heard or read many of the reasons why 89% of testimonials are opposed to this immoral bill. Unless you're living in a bubble, you've likely heard or read the same in local media or at town halls. I won't rehash them here. But one thing that most of you are probably not considering is the impact this will have on local culture and people. You're simply being theoretical and projecting abstracts on to the land. And based on what, pseudo-scientific economic projections? Taking lobbyists at their word? An evangelical faith in technology and their idols? I'd like to believe that you're really that gullible. But we all know that is not the problem.

If you pass the bill and the governor signs it, you will be committing a perverse act of public betrayal and fleecing the state. It's extractive, and nearby communities will never be the same, as it's difficult to see how they will be improved by more tax-free data center sprawl. You can be for tax reform and making the state more business friendly, but that doesn't mean that you have to accept silly Sen. Sollman's terrible deal for Oregon.

Is there something that we're all missing? What is it that we don't know? Because other states are reigning data centers in. Has Oregon been threatened? What are you afraid of?