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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Please remove Wilsonville from Section 10 of SB 4. French Prairie farmland needs to be protected.

Say NO to the land speculators and their Clackamas County commissioners who support them.

The Far West CPO is opposed to building Semiconductor Plants in French Prairie Rural Reserve. We are against this part of Senate Bill 4.

1. As an active CPO for more than 4 decades we have supported saving farmlands. This area has been designated Rural Reserves because it is good farmland, has large parcels, agriculture location and history. French Prairie has world class soils. Good sense would acknowledge this farmland should be preserved.

2. Semiconductor plants require great quantities of clean water. The aquifer water is limited, often it is historic water. Water rights are limited too and there is risk that this semiconductor industry will buy up too many water rights. This will impact local farmers and nurseries as well as homeowners. Semiconductor industry is motivated by making profit, not preserving farmlands and farming. Aquifer water is cheap for industrial use. However that leaves depleted wells for generations. Industry doesn't ever pay for that result. They just move on.

Also water is controlled at the state level so Clackamas County has a more difficult and complicated way to advocate for farmers.

3. To allow industrial use in this area would set a PRECEDENT to decades of land use planning decisions, that always favored protecting farmland in this area. Destruction of decades of land use planning would create an easier process to erode and chip away at these socially valuable farmlands, enriching land speculators with cheaper resources of land and water.

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