

As a Wilsonville resident, I am strongly opposed to the inclusion of Wilsonville in Section 10 of Senate Bill 4 as a potential location of industrial development and siting of a future chip manufacturing plant.

The inclusion of and reference to Wilsonville is nothing more than code for the development of the French Prairie reserve lands immediately south of the city and the Willamette River. Land developers and speculators have schemed for years to destroy the urban growth boundary and lay their hands on this important agricultural property.

In the more than 30 years I have lived in Wilsonville I have seen explosive growth in the area. In that time, Boone Bridge over the Willamette has become one of the worst bottlenecks of any road in Oregon. Opening land immediately south of the river to industrial development will only exacerbate an already untenable situation. Further, there is no existing infrastructure of any kind south of the river to support industrial growth. Curing these issues to further industrial development would cost hundreds of millions of dollars. There many more suitable potential sites for a chip plant, even some where the residents would welcome it.

The battle over this land has been fought and re-fought for many years. Do not reward the small group of people who stand to profit from siting a chip plant in Wilsonville to win the battle this time.

Please remove Wilsonville from Section 10 of Senate Bill 4.

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