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While we support the development of a program to attract producers of semiconductors to Oregon, we strongly oppose conversion of prime agricultural land that is part of the Clackamas County Rural Reserve South for any non-agricultural use. That area is prime farm land and is likely to become even more vital as the changing climate shifts some kinds of agricultural production northward. This trend is apparent now as various crops currently grown in California are no longer viable. Some entrepreneurs have purchased such land hoping to convert it into quick profits without regard to its potential significance as productive farm land and persist in their efforts with one proposal after another. We have attended legislative hearings that described lands in Clackamas County that are available for industrial development such as producing semiconductors without sacrificing some of the most important land in our rural reserve. Those who planned the rural reserve intended to give Oregon the ability to make the best possible use of our land to adapt to changing conditions while accommodating a growing population and economy. Their work provided an essential base for our future prosperity. While some individuals seek to exploit land for immediate personal profit, It is important that the legislature give priority to the long-term public interest as we allocate our precious resources.