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Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Larry Duyck from North Plains in Washington County, OR.
I am co-owner of Duyck Family Farm LLC with my daughter (4th generation).

My testimony begins with a quote from a speech given by Paul Harvey, "So God Made a Farmer." This speech was given in 1978 at a Future Farmers of America (FFA) convention.

*"And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, 'I need a caretaker,'
So God made a farmer.*

*God said, 'I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk
cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board.'
So God made a farmer."*

Oregon farmers and ranchers live this responsibility to be caretakers of the land and have for generations. Once the land is taken from working lands, it is gone forever.

"No Farms No Food" – American Farmland Trust (bumper sticker)

The Oregon and American consumers must understand that their food just doesn't come from a Safeway, Costco, Winco, etc. The United States has the cheapest, safest and most abundant food supply in the world. This is because of our good soils and our stewards of the land – the farmers and ranchers.

If we don't want to rely on computer chips from China, how would we like to rely on food from China?

The Joint Committee on Semiconductors wants two 500-acre sites for their manufacturing package. These could be placed on poor soils but some of the best soils in the Willamette Valley are being considered... SB16 put Oregon on the wrong path.

I ask you to please keep the 100 houses in Malheur County on the poorest soils and save the best for the caretakers (farmers and ranchers). Be a steward of the land with us.

Please oppose SB70.

Larry Duyck