

Joint Semiconductor Committee

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Good afternoon, Co-Chairs Sollman and Bynum, Vice-Chairs Knopp and Wallan, and members of the Committee.

I lived in the Charbonneau District of Wilsonville for several years and served as President of the Charbonneau Country Club (oversight of 13 homeowners associations, with approximately 3500 residents in 1627 residences). For several reasons, I oppose the inclusion of Wilsonville in Section 10, listing cities for industrial uses that relate to the semiconductor industry.

- French Prairie, south of the Willamette, possesses some of the best soils in Oregon, adequate water, and is considered to be Oregon's breadbasket. Preservation of this foundation farmland has long been a priority in Charbonneau and the City of Wilsonville.
- There is a lengthy history of legislative and administrative action to prevent such industrialization, including Oregon's Land Use Goals, and the 2010 promise to protect agricultural lands.
- Elected leaders and community activists in Wilsonville and Charbonneau have opposed industrialization of French Prairie. Potential sites should have the support of leaders and the community.
- There is inadequate infrastructure – sewer, water, etc. – to support industrialization.
- Residents of Wilsonville and Charbonneau are already constrained by the Willamette River and I-5, and the Boone bridge is increasingly a chokepoint for transportation. Problems with transportation and traffic safety would be exacerbated by industrialization south of the Willamette River.

To preserve this foundation farmland, please amend SB 10 by removing Wilsonville from Section 10 (3).

Thank you.