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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Karla Callaghan, I live in Hillsboro, north of Hwy 26, where I own and operate a U-pick blueberry field.

I'm a native Oregonian, a retired Intel software engineer, the granddaughter of a life-long farmer, and part owner in family farmland that is a part of the Hillsboro land south of Hwy 26 under consideration as a large acreage industrial site.

I'm speaking today because I would like to see economic growth in Oregon that will help fund a variety of needs throughout the state. The Semiconductors for America Act provides a unique opportunity for economic growth in Oregon that would fuel a range of jobs, many that would provide mid to high income - the kind that brings income to the state that benefits all.

There are 2 points I'd like to make with regard to the north Hillsboro industrial land site:

First - I believe in thoughtful expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary to facilitate necessary growth in Oregon and it seems to me that land which is on the border of a city that has the desire and knowledge of infrastructure needs for the semiconductor industry, is a very logical location for expansion as it brings efficiency to development of infrastructure by its proximity and common needs.

Second - I believe that the owners of the farmland under consideration should have a powerful voice in decisions that impact the use of their land - much more powerful than non-owners. In the case of this north Hillsboro land that has been found to be suitable for a large industrial site, you have a document signed by the vast majority of the landowners, that indicates they are in favor of selling their land to this purpose. This unified voice of many adjacent land owners in favor of this use of their land should have a far greater weight in your decision making than the naysayers who do not own or live on the land.

I hope you will keep these simple points top of mind as you move forward in your decision making. Thank you for your consideration.