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"Thank you members of the Joint Committee on Semi-conductors, and Co-chairs Sollman, Knopp, Byrnum, and Wallen. I have watched your hearings online and am impressed with the range and depth of issues that you are tackling, the mandate you've been given, and the speed with which you must accomplish your assignment.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

My name is Dana McCullough. I am a fourth generation Oregonian born in Hillsboro. I have raised four sons here, taught in local schools, and lived in my rural NW Hillsboro home for fifty-one years. My family collectively owns over 225 acres in rural NW Hillsboro.

Over the years, Northwest Hillsboro has survived some interesting takings:

1. Several years ago a native Indian company, Redco, asked to buy our land. My family said no.
2. A developer proposed building a golf course on it. My family said no.
3. Measure 37 approved it for development, but then the State said no.
4. House Bill 4078 originally included it in Urban Reserve, but a last minute amendment snatched it back out, leaving it unable to be developed. Again, our State said no.

Perhaps those early reversals were a stroke of good fortune, for it seems these several hundreds of acres in NW Hillsboro, contiguous to our City's border on two sides, have been inadvertently preserved for this amazing opportunity to serve not just one family, or one city, but all of Oregon and even our National Defense.

Owners have agreed to aggregate our acres so we can help meet the land requirements for the Federal Chips Bill, and speed the process.

So, what are we waiting for? This Federal Bill contains enough funds and opportunity to go around. It will benefit our entire State, and perhaps, with its 1 to 8 multiplier effect, enable Oregon to meet real challenges for housing, social services, good jobs, education and environmental concerns. We are falling behind.

I want to have faith that our leadership will choose reason and stewardship rather

than politics and provincial thinking to guide its choices, so that the Oregon I was privileged to grow up in might regain and maintain its reputation as a desirable place to live, work, play and raise all our children."