

Friends of French Prairie

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To: Senators Sollman, Knopp, Lieber & Reps. Bynum and Wallan
Joint Committee on Semi-Conductors

Re: Senate Bill 4

We write to urge you to remove Wilsonville from Sec. 10 of SB 4 in correspondence with the testimony given to your committee last night by Mayor Julie Fitzgerald.

As she pointed out, not only was establishing the French Prairie rural reserves a long-fought battle, but it resulted in a pledge. A promise to protect this foundation farmland that is among the best in the country, and which feeds our state citizens.

Not only did the majority of the citizens of Wilsonville vote against industrial development sound of the Willamette River in French Prairie, but the majority of citizens in the French Prairie portions of Clackamas and Marion County, whom we represent, did so as well!

Including Wilsonville, when the premise is to bring undeveloped land into the UGB, is not only unnecessary in the case of Wilsonville, but goes against the premise and promise of the now long-established rural reserves.

In concert with the City of Wilsonville, we urge you to remove Wilsonville from Sec. 10 of SB 4.

Sincerely



Ben Williams, President