

To: Joint Committee on Semiconductors

From: Aileen Kaye, rural area horse owner/enthusiast

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Re: "No' on large semiconductor plants

Dear Co-Chairs Bynum and Sollman:

When someone tells me how beautiful Oregon is, I tell them it is because of Oregon's land use laws. I am against luring semiconductor plants to our currently liveable state.

Oregon being offered some federal funds is no reason to lure water guzzling, polluting plants here that would most likely be built on precious farm land. There is no guarantee that these plants would hire people already living here. Thus, we would be adding huge housing developments to house the newcomers. Why??? Oregon does not have an unemployment problem.

I was so pleased that Intel is building their huge plant in Ohio. I heard Ohio's governor on the radio saying the plant would be on what is now farm land and would use exorbitant amounts of water. He did not care about wasting all that water.

I have read that besides using massive amounts of water per day, these plants can pollute ground water, increase air pollution, and add to global warming by replacing soil with cement.

Growth for growth's sake will lead to heartache for those of us who love Oregon as it is. Please heed the words of Governor Tom McCall:

Tom McCall Quotes

1. “Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say: This is my community, and it’s my responsibility to make it better.”

2. “The interests of Oregon for today and in the future must be protected from the grasping wastrels of the land. We must respect another truism – that unlimited and unregulated growth, leads inexorably to a lowered quality of life.”

3. “Oregon is an inspiration. Whether you come to it, or are born to it, you become entranced by our state’s beauty, the opportunity she affords, and the independent spirit of her citizens.”

4. “We want you to visit our State of Excitement often. Come again and again. But for heaven’s sake, don’t move here to live. Or if you do have to move in to live, don’t tell any of your neighbors where you are going.”

5. “If the salmon and steelhead are running, then as far as I am concerned, God knows that all is well in His worldthe health of the environment is good if the salmon and steelhead are around. It is that simple.”

6. “Oregon is demure and lovely, and it ought to play a little hard to get. And I think you’ll be just as sick as I am if you find it is nothing but a hungry hussy, throwing herself at every stinking smokestack that’s offered.”

7. “You and I shouldn’t claim we love Oregon more than anyone else, but that we love Oregon as much as anyone. Our thoughts today, and our deliberations to come, must spring from our determination to keep Oregon lovable and to make it even more livable.”

8. “Oregon is demure, and lovely, and it ought to play a little hard to get.”

Thank you for your consideration.