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**Re: Oppose Changes to the Enterprise Zone Program**

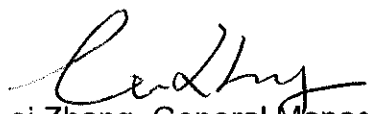
House Bill 2009 contains a provision that would significantly reduce the incentives for business to invest and we would like to ask you to keep the Enterprise Zone Program parameters as they are. We understand that there are amendments being considered, but we have not had time to review those. Therefore, our comments are on the base bill.

Jireh has been operating in Hillsboro for over 10 years and in that time, we have utilized the current Enterprise Zone Program three (3) times as we continue to expand our business, increase our investment and create new jobs. We now employ 600 Oregonians in our Hillsboro facility and we have invested \$300 million. That level of investment and employment would not have happened without the Enterprise Zone Support. We understand that the current Program is under review and ask that the current structure be maintained.

As the U.S semiconductor industry is again growing, we would like to continue to be a part of that growth. It will be extremely important that we are able to find support from programs like the Enterprise Zone and the Strategic investment Program or we may not be able to grow our business in Oregon and participate in the federal Chips Act funding program. Removal of these programs will put Oregon at a disadvantage compared to many other states.

We strongly urge you to keep the Enterprise Zone as it is and extend its sunset to allow businesses in Oregon to utilize the program to create jobs and investment for the growth of Oregon's economy.

Respectfully,

  
Lei Zhang, General Manager  
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