

Dear Joint Semiconductor Committee Members:

My name is Dave Vanasche and I reside 2 miles west of the North Hillsboro proposed semiconductor siting. I am a member/elder of the Tualatin Plains Presbyterian Church (Est. 1887) which is adjacent to the North Hillsboro site proposal. My family operates and owns Vanasche Farm LLC (Est. 1896) consisting of 2350 acres (1028 acres owned). About 30% of our farm is in the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID). The other 70% is high value dryland farming.

**I am opposed to SB4. Please keep this urban industrial siting inside existing UGB boundaries and out of irrigation districts.**

The land we farm is the same soils and climate as the North Hillsboro industrial site proposal. Our cropland is all designated high value by the State of Oregon. The high value commodities grown on Vanasche Farm includes hazelnuts, wheat, grass seed and clover seed. High value commodities grown in the North Hillsboro block proposal includes two irrigated blueberry farms, a vineyard and seed crops.

We have deep soils, 37" rainfall and a relatively mild climate capable of growing 200 different commodities. Our dryland crop acres produce excellent yields: 150+ bushel/acre of wheat, 2000+ pounds/acre grass seed, 1000+ pounds/acre clover seed. Worldwide record yields!

Top Oregon Ag Products: Grass Seed, Wheat, Nursery, Wine Grapes, Blueberries, Milk (<https://farmflavor.com/oregon/oregon-crops-livestock/oregons-top-10-agricultural-products/>)

The reason our farm exists today is because of the creation of Senate Bill 100, 48 years ago. Washington County is one of the top 10 agricultural producing counties in Oregon. Without State Land Use Planning, our area would be urban sprawl. Instead we currently have viable family farms.

IF "emergency" SB4 passes allowing UGB expansions in Washington County other cities like North Plains, Banks, Cornelius, Forest Grove and Gaston will all be asking for emergency UGB expansions and there will be consequences – for example the increased commuter traffic through the EFU to North Hillsboro.

Washington County is the "hub" of ag infrastructure (seed cleaners, fertilizer & chemical dealerships, equipment dealers/servicers, etc.) serving Yamhill, Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah Counties AND SW Washington State. Washington County needs to continue to have its critical farmland base to maintain the ag infrastructure.

You have had many high-tech industries testifying but NO Ag Experts!

Please request Jim Johnson, Land Use and Water Planning Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Agriculture (503-986-4706) and Nicole Anderson, Associate Professor, Extension Seed Production Specialist Oregon State University (503-553-9922) for Oregon

Agriculture FACTS. These two individuals are very well respected in the industry and both very familiar with the North Hillsboro rural reserve sites.

My grass seed is cleaned and processed at one of the two seed cleaners in Washington County located in the proposed North Hillsboro site. The loss of this seed cleaner will directly affect my agribusiness and so many others!

In summary, the Urban- Rural Reserves were created by Metro and the Legislature in 2014. As a farmer, I was personally involved in this process, which gave farmers in our area, 40-50 years in which to plan the future of our farm operations and many of the long term crops we grow.

Vote NO on SB4 unless siting stays within the current UGB.

Dave Vanasche