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Yet again, a bunch of smarmy developers want to bring large scale industrial development to our area in Wilsonville, an area already suffering from some of the worst traffic congestion in the state. Those traveling north on Interstate 5 know our area as the "Wilsonville Wall."

This is not a NIMBY issue. I'm all in favor of industrial development in our area. But this scale of industrial development needs to be accompanied with an appropriate level of infrastructure development: roads, bridges, transit, water and wastewater treatment, etc. Based on other development efforts in our area, e.g., the proposed Aurora Airport expansion, adding the corresponding infrastructure to match the expected increase in population, commuters and commercial services is not something these developers, nor do the legislators, consider. Making land available for the development of a semiconductor plant simply makes a few people rich at the expense of the host communities.

There are plenty of places in Oregon with communities willing to host such a plant. Our community is not one of them.