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I am submitting this testimony to state my opposition to locating semi-conductor manufacturing plants outside the urban growth boundary. Farm and agricultural lands are precious commodities in need of protection from industrial growth. The Hillsboro Airport (HIO), already inside the UGB, is a site that could be better used for chips manufacturing. At present, this facility primarily serves recreational and private pilots, charter jet companies and the flight training industry. One of the largest, noisiest and most polluting HIO tenants is Hillsboro Aero Academy, a company owned by two east coast investment forms. The majority of pilots trained by this business are from overseas thus it does not well serve the local community. The 800-900 acres upon which it is located can be better used for a number of different purposes including chips manufacturing, affordable housing, schools, medical facilities, parks, community gardens and the arts.

In addition to HIO, there are other suitable sites in Oregon for building semiconductor facilities within already established urban growth boundaries.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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