

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors:

Regarding the semi-conductor industry, Southern Oregon has very little industrial land of any size over 20 acres in Jackson County and Josephine County. This fact precludes us from responding to many advanced manufacturing leads, which may indeed support key industries like semi-conductors in Oregon. The topography in Southern Oregon, along with a large portion of our lands being forested and owned by the federal government, makes it challenging for our region. In addition, we are also faced with restrictions related to vernal pools and wetlands, lacking infrastructure, and process constraints in our various planning departments. We are supportive of smaller businesses serving the semi-conductor industry such as Rogue Valley Microdevices and have already provided a letter of support to them for federal funding support. It is hard to pinpoint how many relocation/local expansion projects we have not been able to respond to, though reasonably it is in the range of 3-5 annually. SOREDI strongly advocates that the State of Oregon revisit its land use zoning laws to be more supportive of business development and support funding for land use readiness so that smaller communities like those in our region are more prepared to respond to projects and create jobs for the local economy.

Sincerely,

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