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Members of the Oregon State House of Representatives:

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce strongly supports SB 4 as presented to you today. SB 4 is an important first step to ensure Oregon can compete for a portion of the historic CHIPS Acts investment.

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce, the largest chamber in Washington County, comprising over 825 members and representing nearly 72,000 jobs, supports Oregon's effort to maintain and grow its position as one of the top places in the world for semiconductor manufacturers as well as the supply chain that supports it.

We also support the development of grant and loan programs to support businesses of all sizes to apply for financial assistance and support. Working with the Federal Government can be daunting and overwhelming for any business, but small manufacturers truly don't have the capacity to undertake the effort needed to adequately compete, so assistance and support will level the playing field.

As you know, time is of the essence and the facilitated land use process outlined in SB 4 is essential to guarantee Oregon has identified areas for potential development. Oregon has a massive disparity in available industrial land for businesses, across the board, to establish and grow. The lack of industrial land not only impacts our prospects for attracting new, out-of-state investment to Oregon, but also affects businesses that have established roots in our communities that want to continue to grow and prosper.

This modification provides the necessary pathway to certainty business needs to make the types of investments required to construct a manufacturing facility of any kind.

Oregon is aware of the positive business and financial impacts the semiconductor industry brings to our State. The opportunity provided by the CHIPS Act funding will have lasting impacts on future generations of Oregonians. We are grateful for your leadership and thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Deanna Palm
President/CEO

