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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors  
Measure: SB4

Dear Co-Chairs Rep. Bynum and Sen. Sollman and Members of the Committee:

I am a co-owner of a 475 acre farm in Hubbard. I am opposed to the SB 4 because it gives the governor, through executive order, the ability to take farm land outside a city's UGB and use it for siting semiconductor industries. That land is already in an industry, farming, the number 2 industry in Oregon. No government entity—governor or Senate and Representative Committee or new special job—should have super-siting authority.

This bill should require the governor to look first inside UGBs. Cities have followed the land use laws and have industrial areas available that are within each of their city's urban growth boundaries. Those cities include Medford/Phoenix, Corvallis, Redmond, and Wilsonville. Reward and acknowledge cities throughout the state that are following our land use laws. Good jobs can be provided within cities' UGBs

Cities create industrial lands within their UGBs. This should be used instead of going after farmlands. Hillsboro, which seems to have already been chosen for the semi-conductor expansion, ie the "take valuable farmland" expansion, has 500 ares of industrial land within its UGB. Use that. Do not let this beautiful farm land be paved over.

It is a dangerous precedent to give out this kind of government power. Please defeat this bill and follow the land use laws.