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To: Joint Committee on Semiconductors: SB 4

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I urge you to oppose SB 4 and super siting for semiconductor facilities. These huge energy guzzling, GHG emitting, extraction facilities are not right for Oregon. At one time Oregon was a conservation oriented state. **NO LONGER do we care about the environment.**

I have worked on farm land protection in Oregon now for 40 years. Over the years I have observed many attempts to weaken the Oregon Land Use System and weaken farm land protections. This attempt is one of the worst. Now we have more than 60 uses in the Exclusive Farm Use Zone, most of the non farm uses. **It is time to stop the destruction of the farm zone.**

**Oppose this super siting semiconductor bill because:**

- It bypasses the well thought out land use process already in place.
- It gives too much power to one person.
- It prioritizes one industry over all others.
- It will exacerbate the housing shortage. Most workers needed will be from out of the area.
- We don't need more jobs, we need people to fill existing jobs.
- It will cause an infrastructure crisis that will citizens will pay for.

**We need to keep development off of farm land:**

- Saving farm land will be the key to Oregon's economic future.
- Farm land loss is a serious global issue.
- We will need 60% more food by 2050, globally.
- Millions of acres of farm land will go out of production in the US in the next few years from drought, loss of water from rivers, climate change and development. In the US we lose prime farmland the size of Vermont every 3 years.
- Prime farmland in Oregon with water or precipitation must be saved.
- Washington County land is some of the best farm land in the US. Don't be deceived.
- Cover crop seed from Washington County and the rest of Oregon is an integral part of the Oregon Global Warming Commission's carbon sequestration work.
- The carbon footprint of these facilities will easily wipe out (negate) our efforts in all of Oregon to store carbon. This is going in the wrong Direction.

**We are consciously making decisions to put dollars for a few over saving the planet!!!**

**Please do not allow the semiconductor industry special privileges that will damage our state's resources.**

**Please protect and improve the land use system and farm land protections at this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SB 100.**

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