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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Hon. Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this important issue. I oppose this bill and ask for your no vote to put it back in the round file where it belongs for the following reasons:

1. This foundational farmland is part of the French Prairie Rural Reserve and is without adequate sewer, water, storm water or transportation.
2. It is adjacent to one of Oregon's worst traffic congestion chokepoints at the Boone Bridge.
3. The adjacent city opposes the bill and has no intention of providing the area with urban services.
4. Supersiting is, in general, bad public policy and if a plant is sited in French Prairie would also break the promise made in 2010 to protect these agricultural lands. If you want to develop employment there is only one way. Responsible companies have to be able to prosper. Make Oregon government more service oriented, drop some of the more extreme rules, don't duplicate regulations and expect results from social spending.
5. Crossing the Willamette with intensive urban uses will completely destabilize existing land use in the north valley, which is, of course, exactly what the supporters of this bill are aiming for.
6. Chasing this federal money is a fool's errand. Oregon is a high cost state for industry, especially in the Willamette valley and will not be able to sustain a major foundry. Better to encourage the smaller companies that contribute to the high tech cluster in the metro area. Keep the design and testing work here and let areas with lower cost labor and land compete for the foundry. This may well include some areas in central and eastern Oregon where adequate water is available.

SAY NO to the Clackamas County Commissioners and the grasping wastrels that support them!

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