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Re: SB 4

To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Yamhill County for 31 years and have watched the relentless battle waged by real estate developers as they try to cover high-quality farmland with sub-divisions, instead of building housing within established UGB boundaries. In many cases, the forward-thinking and highly effective Oregon land-use laws have prevented the unraveling of local agricultural economies by keeping poorly designed urban sprawl from covering valuable farmland.

It is with some dismay that I have learned about SB 4, a bill that would facilitate the destruction of valuable farmland, an essential part of the Oregon economy. For example, McMinnville has designated industrial land that would be perfect for the kinds of industries that the CHIPS Act is designed to promote, located on Highway 18 not far from the urban center of the area. Communities all across the state have land such as this is, making it unnecessary to destroy more valuable farmland.

The "high-tech" industry waxes and wanes. Major companies, such as Intel that have located in Oregon are laying off thousands of workers and shrinking their operations. However, growing food will never *not* be necessary. Agriculture is the backbone of Oregon's economy and will not be subject to the vagaries of industries such as high-tech.

SB 4 is a giant step backwards. Oregon's pioneering land-use laws need to be protected, not eroded. Oregon can easily accommodate growing its high-tech footprint without killing its agricultural economy.

Please vote NO on SB 4.

Respectfully,

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