

Dear legislator,

I am writing to express my strong concern for Senate Bill 4's approach to land use (Sections 10 and 11). Sections 10 and 11 unnecessarily place a target on farms, forests, and watersheds for development.

The proposed legislation overlooks cities and towns that have zoned industrial lands, held onto these lands for industrial uses, and invest in their people and places as part of a bigger vision of healthy communities, productive economies, and clean air and water. We need the state to bring this vision into a reality by investing in these lands as viable sites for semiconductor expansions.

As a long term employee, now retired, of a local semiconductor company, I was involved in Manufacturing and Equipment Maintenance in three Fab startups, two here in Oregon. I was personally involved with hiring hundreds of employees into high paying high-tech jobs. I know firsthand that the semiconductor industry can and has utilized smaller amounts of land for factories and support functions.

We do not need Oregon to make changes or create a new process if, in the future, acreage is the make-or-break factor for guaranteed expansion of high-quality job opportunities. We need you to make use of the industrial land currently available.

Remove Sections 10 and 11. Propose a Senate Bill 4 that sets the state up for success.

Respectfully,

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