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We strongly oppose SB 4 or any other bills to expand the current urban growth boundary to develop over the prime agricultural soils of the Sunset Corridor and similar areas of the Willamette Valley for the semiconductor industry or more residential sprawl. The Sunset Corridor north of Hillsboro, in particular, has the highest concentration of undeveloped Class I and II soils in the entire Willamette Valley (Natural Resource Conservation Service Web Soil Survey) and once removed from agricultural use can never be retrieved. In the era of impending climate change disaster there is simply no excuse for building out the urban growth boundary when there are areas within that boundary, including existing brownfield sites where the development can sensibly proceed. If we are not part of the solution, we are complicit in being part of the problem.