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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Dear Joint Committee On Semiconductors,

I am deeply concerned that Sections 10 and 11 of Senate Bill 4 will destroy wilderness and farmlands at the expense of farmers and urban economies. In exchange for a one-time surplus to landowners, Sections 10 and 11 will allow land not meant for industrial development to be irreversibly damaged. These sections have the ability to destroy our watersheds, forests, and recreational land for minimal benefits. Additionally, towns and cities with already established industrial zones will be stripped of opportunities to grow their economies. This not only affects funding for city services, but forces workers to commute, likely by car, to places outside of the cities they live in. With land ready to be redeveloped into semiconductor facilities, is creating factories outside of urban growth boundaries really a good idea?

We must act quick to be a leader in U.S. semiconductor production, but we must also act in a way that does not harm local economies, destroy farmlands, and irreversibly damage our environment. Remove Sections 10 and 11. Propose a Senate Bill that will help the people, cities, and State of Oregon.

Thank you,

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