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SB 4 Semi-Conductor and Land Use Super Site –

Co-Chairs Sollman, Bynum, Vice-Chairs Knopp, Wallan and members of the committee

The Marion County Democrat's Legislative Committee strongly opposes the portion of the bill that allows super siting of land outside UGB's.

Fifty years ago SB100 passed the Oregon Legislature to protect Oregon Farmland from being eaten up by pavement and houses. In written testimony online, former representative Greg MacPherson. wrote eloquently about the land use system and the need to protect it. His father, Senator Hector MacPherson was a Linn County famer and the chief sponsor of SB 100.

Farmland in Oregon must be protected. Not only because we eat many of the crops but also because of the value of the crops that are grown in Oregon, Oregon's grass seeds alone have a value of over \$450 million in 2020 and 2021. See link below to USDA statistics on Oregon agriculture.

https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Oregon/Publications/facts_and_figures/facts_and_figures.pdf

Our concerns include the tremendous need for water for fabs as well as the chemicals used in the manufacturing process. The amount of land the proponents indicate they would need seems excessive. Parking should be multilevel as well as the building the parking would serve.

We would prefer using the strongest environmental standards. We also need to make sure that there are strong penalties and claw backs for non-compliance.

We cannot grow more land. We need to preserve our farm and forest lands for the sake of future Oregonians.

We do not believe in trickle down economics. Please oppose this bill if it continues to include the super siting provisions.

Marion County Democrats Legislative Committee