

Co-Chairs Senator Sollman and Representative Janelle Bynum and members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors.

I am Bruce Chapin a 3rd generation farmer North of Salem and at the age of 72 I am in the process of retiring and passing the business on to the next generation. I am writing in opposition to super-siting authority created in SB -4.

Fifty years ago, in 1973, the draft for the Vietnam War ended, I graduated from OSU, returned to the family business and Oregon's land use system was being born. The Oregon Land Use system did not permanently protect farm land but rather what it promised and has created was an orderly transition to other uses. It also restricted urban sprawl which likely prevented many conflicts with farming businesses. The land use system has created an environment of predictability that has allowed agriculture to co-exist relatively close to large population areas while still allowing cities to grow in an orderly manner. This orderly growth has economically benefited the cities by concentrating the growth in a way that reduced the costs of providing public utilities to the new areas.

The proposed super-siting authority found in SB-4 creates a precedent that will undermine the basic principle of orderly transition and likely destroy the trust the land use system has built over the last fifty years. Creating a precedent of by passing our land use system by supper-siting will be a major step backwards for Oregon.

Thank you,
Bruce Chapin