

Joint Committee on Semiconductors,
oppose SB4

RE:

Furrow Farm opposes concentrating more high tech industries on the productive farm ground of the Tualatin Valley. More industry drives more housing which often becomes bloated suburban developments that take up farm land rather than making better use of the land already designated for those uses. This all leads to road congestion that takes up more farm ground which is already a problem for commuters and farmers who need to transport farm equipment. The idea that we are creating more jobs for Oregonians by expanding the industrial zoning is a myth, it is simply drawing people to move here from other states thus extending our resources without controlling our lands to suit their proper needs.

The vast majority of Oregon is not suitable for cultivation. We need to be smarter about conserving our agricultural natural resources, particularly the fertile valleys of western Oregon where we can grow a multitude of crops with little to no irrigation required, making it a rare resource indeed.

There are many sites for semiconductor manufacturing INSIDE cities' UGB's throughout Oregon. These sites are cheaper and faster to develop than productive farmland OUTSIDE UGB's. Please do not blow up Oregon's land use laws for financial windfall of a few landowners outside a UGB. Please select sites INSIDE the UGB's. Per the meeting on March 8TH.

Sincerely,

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