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Oregon's land use planning process brings the competing needs of our state's economy, communities, and natural resources into thoughtful balance and meaningfully contributes to Oregon's livability. Sections 10 and 11 of SB 4 short-circuits this considered process to permanently take irreplaceable land out of farms, forests, and watersheds for development without weighing factors such as high value cropland and protection of our natural resources. This seems particularly short-sighted given the crucial need to promote land use compatible with forecasted population growth, increased demand for Oregon's natural resource products, and climate change. Oregon can provide sites for the semiconductor industry while also protecting our farms and forestlands. We already have an excellent and unique process for expansion of the urban growth boundary that allows for designating industrial lands. Please remove sections 10 and 11 from SB 4.