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On Behalf Of: Farmers near speculators who want a loophole
Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors
Measure: SB4

My name is Greg Malinowski, I as the District 2 County Commissioner in Washington County 2011-2018 served during the grand Bargain discussions. During that time I was ordered to leave the room during the stakeholder meeting in Washington County because I was not officially representing an involved city, and attorney for a land speculator, or and county elected official who received campaign funds from a land speculator. The meeting was closed to the public because "the participants needed to speak freely" and divide up the goodies. Which they did. There was no discussion of need, no meeting with the community residents, service providers.... and they asked that what ever was added to the UGB, not be subject to a needs assessment. Is that how the Legislature really wants to see land use done in the future?

Please also see the excellent testimony submitted by my neighbor Susan Andrews
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As a Farmer, I may have to spend \$100,000+, with the break even point decades in the future, to increase production or processing. Why would I do that with SB 4 hanging like a waiting Vulture over my head? Already the word is out that if a site like this grows as big as intel in the state, perhaps 20,000 new skilled workers and Eng. will have to move to the Metro area. Currently there is a broker/speculator traveling through out the 50 year Rural Reserves, signing up land owners who don't want to wait that 50 years to cash in. For agreeing to about about a 15% cut of their land sales if they end up in the urban area in less than 50 years. I hear they have 2000+ acres of Oregon's best farm land west of Hillsboro already signed up... Need is not an issue, if you are adding 1700 acres industrial without proving need, don't you need 20,000 new McMansions without having to show that as a need?

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