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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors
Measure: SB4

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Sollman, Representative Bynum, and members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors:

I support the sections of SB4 requesting federal semiconductor financial assistance to develop the workforce and facilities necessary to support Oregon's semiconductor industry.

Please be aware that within the existing urban growth boundary there is a 13 acre site, 12350 NE Sandy Blvd., that could be ideal "for the purpose of workforce development and the creation of training, certified apprenticeship and internship opportunities, with respect to semiconductors and advanced manufacturing," as specified in Section 1 of SB4. This site is in the Parkrose School District in Portland - one of the most diverse school districts in the state of Oregon and is zoned EG2.

As a member of this community, I am hopeful that this would be a positive change for this community and help to create a safer environment for the many children that go to school nearby. These large, urban spaces can be a blessing to the communities that they are in if they are used to support development programs (such as this one) and bring resources instead of being looked at solely as the site of a convenient income stream, sucking resources and life from those nearby. Help to bring positive change to this community.

To build the diverse workforce for Oregon's semiconductor industry, please consider placing educational and training opportunities where they will be readily accessible to traditionally marginalized communities in Oregon. This site provides an unparalleled opportunity for the State of Oregon, as a recipient of CHIPS and Science Act funding, to show significant workforce investment in a disadvantaged community, furthering the Act's goals of equitable economic growth and development of a diverse workforce.

Thank you for considering this location.

-Rachel Graham