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As you work on providing jobs related to the semiconductor industry, I want to caution you that we must continue to protect farmland in Oregon. Our land use planning laws have stood the test of time and have ensured that Oregonians have access to fresh, local, healthy food. If we lose our farmland, all of us will be in a much worse situation. I shop at our local farmer's market every week. I rely on these farmers being able to grow their crops close to urban areas, thus cutting down on the cost and pollution of shipping food long distances. It will not profit us as a state if we gain jobs but cannot eat good, high-quality, locally grown food.