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Dear Co-Chairs Bynum and Sollman, Co-Vice-Chairs Knopp and Wallan, and Members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors,

For nearly 50 years, 1000 Friends of Oregon has worked with Oregonians to leverage the state's special and unique land use planning program to foster connected, vibrant, and beautiful cities and towns while protecting farms, forests, and iconic scenic areas from sprawl, development, and irreversible conversion.

We appreciate the leadership from Senate President Wagner, Speaker Dan Rayfield, and the Joint Committee to listen and respond to both the positive opportunities for semiconductor expansion in the thousands of acres of industrial lands inside our urban growth boundaries, as well as the concerns of carving up our farms, ranches, forests, and watersheds that are protected by our urban growth boundaries.

We still believe Sections 10 and 11 are unnecessary for Oregon to maintain its competitiveness in the semiconductor industry given the testimony from local jurisdictions and private property owners of available industrial sites. We are excited by the CHIPS and Science Act applications already moving ahead that are proof that the land use system is not holding us back. Oregon is set up for success so long as the education, workforce, and funding components are there!

A decision to sprawl could jeopardize not only our competitiveness in the semiconductor industry, but other sectors of our economy as well: agriculture, forestry, and tourism. Moreover, it would be a waste of the State's limited budget to spend some of it on basic improvements like sewer on farmland, when we should be standing on the shoulders of the millions of dollars in investments that cities around the state have already made in their industrial lands. A focused approach to investing and aggregating existing industrial sites across Oregon cities and towns will yield more economic development and educational opportunities: more high-quality jobs in the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries, more K-12 STEM centers, partnerships with community colleges, and programming, and continued power from our agricultural and forestry economies.

We understand that some believe that there may be a rare opportunity for a company to apply for the CHIPS and Science Act funding this year that may secure everything in



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place but demonstrate a need to the governor that land is the only missing component for a CHIPS Act application. In recognition of the exceptionally tailored language outlined in SB 4 with the -15 amendment, and recognizing that this is a tool of last resort, we shift our position from oppose to neutral on SB 4 with the -15 amendment.

We reiterate our support for the creation and maintenance of a statewide industrial lands inventory. Companies need access to accurate and readily available information about economic development opportunities in every part of Oregon. We also reiterate the need for assistance for local jurisdictions and private landowners to hold onto these industrial lands, so we course-correct the trend of losing these lands to other uses. Lastly, we encourage efforts that help companies maximize their industrial site plans: from transit planning and investments to multi-story building configurations.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at Sam@friends.org or (503) 497-1000.

Sincerely,

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