



March 15, 2023

Re: SB 4

Dear Co-Chairs Sollman and Bynum, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Pegga Mosavi and I am a legal fellow with the Center for Food Safety (CFS). CFS aims to empower people, support farmers, and protect the earth from the harmful impacts of industrial agriculture. Protecting farmers is a key part of CFS's work, whether that be from pesticide drift, or from loss of prime farm land as is the case here.

Oregon is home to significant high-value farmland, and CFS respectfully requests you protect this farmland when considering SB 4.

We oppose the version of SB 4 that allows the governor to unilaterally bring land into a UGB by executive order. Unnecessary expansions of the urban growth boundaries threaten our prime agricultural land. The land at risk of supersiting is among the best farmland in the world. Further, it already serves an important economic purpose as agriculture remains the number two industry in the state.

Oregon already has thousands of acres inside urban growth boundaries for industrial use. Semiconductor facilities do not require fertile soil and to waste such an increasingly scarce resource would be a disservice to the state of Oregon and all the farmers who have worked for generations to preserve it.

The agriculture and semiconductor industries can co-exist for the benefit of the Oregon economy, the semiconductor industry need not exist at the price of Oregon's prime agricultural land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Pegga Mosavi