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If there's anything we've learned over the last three years, it's the abuse of power our government has under a declared "emergency." Upon passage of SB4 an emergency would be declared where the governor could land grab any land she wants and designate it for use by the semi-conductor industry. This would subvert all current land use laws. Under this bill, land in our beautiful Columbia Gorge, near the fruitful Columbia River could be used. Do we really want a semi-conductor plant, using toxic chemicals, near a protected natural resource? It could mean that farmers would be forced to sell their land; often not at market price. This has already happened many times to farming friends of ours for schools, roads, water line easements, etc. in our area. The government rarely reimburses the land owner the true development cost of the land they take! Why should private industry be given special loans, land grabs, and funding? We have much bigger problems in Oregon, such as houseless people, fentanyl use, and crime that need funding and attention, not the profitable semi-conductor industry! Our government is supposed to be for the people not for private industry! Land use ordinances and zoning laws have been created over many years with purpose and thoughtful deliberation. Our Governor should not be allowed the power to ignore these land use laws and ordinances to grant the semi-conductor industry any land they desire. This is an abuse of power that should never be granted to the Governor! SB4 is a horrible idea for the people of Oregon and should not be passed!