

March 1, 2023

Dear Joint Committee on Semiconductors,

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 4

I urge you to oppose SB4. These enormous factories and concrete jungles are not right for Oregon. Oregon is sought out by many as a place with abundant fresh air, clean water, and healthy soil. This bill jeopardizes everything that makes Oregon special. As legislators you need to look for ways to conserve and protect our valuable resources. This bill aims to destroy productive fertile farmland, wildlife habitat, and scenic views. All at the expense of Oregon residents and taxpayers.

Oregon has a great land use planning structure. This measure would sideline decades of planning efforts and declare an emergency. One of the emergencies that needs discussed is the substantial loss of some of the highest value farmland in the world. Another emergency is how do you propose feeding Oregon residents if our fertile farmland is buried under concrete and asphalt.

This bill would give the Governor of Oregon the power to change the urban growth boundary at will. I don't think that is what Tom McCall had in mind when he signed SB100 in 1973. Then in 2014 the "grand bargain" was supposed to give cities a 40-year supply of land and rural residents 40 years of security.

If SB 4 is allowed to pass Oregonians will lose, wildlife will be forced from their homes, and more of our natural resources destroyed. All for the gain of a select number of very large corporations.

Sincerely,

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