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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors
Measure: SB4

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Semiconductors,

As an unabashed fan of Governor Tom McCall, I believe he was instrumental in shaping the quality of life we enjoy as Oregonians today.

That's why I'm apprehensive when I read the text - particularly the land use sections - of Senate Bill 4. I fully appreciate the urgency surrounding the funding available through the federal CHIPS and Science Act and its importance to our state. However, I feel that our communities have already designated sufficient land that was made available through comprehensive planning.

Our Urban Growth Boundary process has proven to be adaptable to unanticipated growth for the past fifty years. I fear the passage of SB4 would undermine our rational, intentional and public method of dealing with urban expansion and replace it with the private whims of a select few. That would make a mockery of Governor McCall's nineteen statewide planning goals and their subsequent success.

As we have seen, paving over existing land is irreversible. In fact, OPB recently aired a segment that explains the uniqueness of Oregon's soil. I believe Oregon is a truly special place, and I appreciate all the work that's been done to preserve, protect and sustain our state. So let's work together to bring more semiconductor business to Oregon. But let's do it in the reasoned approach championed by Governor McCall, State Senator Hector Macpherson and many others fifty years ago.

Respectfully,

Michael Kitkoski