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As a sixth generation (four born here and two moved from Tennessee), born in Roseburg, Oregonian and having worked in the tech field since 1972 to my retirement eight years ago, I have some perspectives on this bill. I worked for a large tech corporation for awhile, and then with my own business contracted with many for decades. (Including Intel, Tektronix, and others.) I understand both the good and bad traits of these players.

I certainly support the jobs and wealth that semiconductor plants bring to Oregon. But, it is very important where these facilities are located. I do not support using good farmlands for siting, and definitely do not support the proposed site in Hillsboro. I also do not support giving the Governor special powers to override our land use planning laws and procedures. (Tom McCall and many others from our past would be very alarmed.)

The jobs and downside cyclical risks should be spread around the state more. There are shovel ready industrial sites ready to go in Oregon, some near the Portland area. We don't need to hurriedly lose more farmland. I can even think of sites here in the Eugene area (the Hynix facility comes quickly to mind.)

I understand the urgency to go after these federal dollars. I also understand how the big corporations and special interests will play our state and legislature. Sadly, I suspect that sites other than the Hillsboro farmland could actually speed the proposal process.

Worse case scenario is that we make the mistake of giving Governors this power to circumvent our land use planning (permanently?), this Hillsboro land is rezoned for industrial, and then a semiconductor plant is not build there. Then, I can see the special interests saying something like "oh well - it's zone industrial - we can put some warehouses there now!"

I suspect I know what the big tech corporations, special interests, and some landowners wanting a big cash out desire. But what does the State of Oregon and the Oregonian citizens want? Please represent all of us.

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