

Submitter: Wendy Mortensen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

As commercial farmers in Washington County, we urge you to defeat SB 4 because: (1) it includes giving the Governor the authority to super site 12 sites, and of those, Washington County has included Rural Reserve land outside the UGB that contain prime farmland operating commercially. The County has adequate land within the UGB, such 1000 acres within the City of Hillsboro. Land available within the region and State are - Wilsonville 700 acres, Corvallis, 400 acres, Rogue Valley - 538 acres, Redmond - 500 to 700; (2) the selection committee has allowed undue influence by a group of Washington County rural landowners who have been lobbying for years to include their prime farmland into the UGB. We, as ordinary citizens, have been unable to learn the committee process. If the process is to expedite a decision by any and all means, we urge that our orderly and inclusive land use system not be sacrificed and only land within the UGB be considered.