

Please do not advance SB 4 as currently proposed. There are already industrial zoned parcels within Urban Growth Boundaries of multiple locations around the state to meet the criteria for the federal funding. It is a disservice to these communities who have had the forethought and put in the work to prepare for this sort of opportunity to dismiss them out of hand. This is also a wonderful opportunity for the Legislature to take a substantive step to bridge the perceived rural/urban divide.

Rather than grant super-siting authority in clear contravention of Oregon's Land Use system this is an opportunity to "declare victory" and move on to issues like education for workforce preparedness, inventory of existing available sites, and investment in infrastructure. These are critical if Oregon hopes to be able to react nimbly to this and future opportunities.

Oregon as a whole has contributed to economic innovation through the generations and needs to be included in this 21st Century initiative.

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