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My interest in this bill is due to my experience working on Willamette Valley farmland and forests for 20 years as a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service employee and water quality specialist. My testimony is given as a concerned private citizen.

Sections 10 and 11 of SB 4 would take irreplaceable land out of farms, forests, and watersheds for development. Oregon has been a role model for the country in conserving farm and forestland and already has a time-proven process that allows for expanding the urban growth boundary and designating industrial lands. Sections 10 and 11 of SB 4 bypass that process and do not weigh factors such as high value cropland and protection of our natural resources.

Oregon can provide sites for the semiconductor industry while also protecting our farms and forestlands. Please remove sections 10 and 11 from the bill.