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Sections 10 and 11 of SB 4 would take irreplaceable land out of farms, forests, and watersheds for development. Oregon has an excellent and unique process for expansion of the urban growth boundary that already allows for 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. Destruction of natural resources has a strong negative impact on the surrounding communities in the form of increased pollution, increased health care costs, decreased mental wellbeing, and extreme strain on the surviving adjacent natural areas.

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