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I have farmed in Washington County for 34 years, growing organic vegetables for local residents. I rely on the assurances given in the past that farmland remains farmland. Any future semiconductor plants should be built on land within an existing UGB. There are communities in our state that have reserved industrial zoned land for this type of development. Hillsboro did not. This bill would reward Hillsboro for poor planning. Allowing rural reserve lands to be re-zoned not only reneges on promises made, but further depletes the non-renewable resource that is arable farmland in Washington County. No single person, governor or not, should be allowed to unilaterally make this type of decision in contradiction to long-standing land use planning in Oregon.