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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair and Members of the Committee—

I'm asking you to pass SB 1586 because Oregon needs to be a place that can actually deliver when advanced manufacturing is ready to invest. Semiconductor decisions don't wait on us. When the state hesitates or sends mixed signals, suppliers and builders line up elsewhere, and we pay the price in missed work, missed paychecks, and missed momentum. SB 1586 helps fix that by providing timely, build-ready certainty for industrial land in the Hillsboro region.

This bill is about chip fabs and the surrounding supply chain, not data centers. These projects create direct fab jobs, major construction trades work, and long-term supplier roles, plus the everyday spillover that keeps local shops and service businesses busy. Solid gray-collar jobs like these are pathways to upper-middle-class lives that define the American dream.

Oregon already has proof of what's possible when we show we can execute. Business Oregon's Oregon CHIPS Biannual Report #2 (Oct 2025) reports about ~\$1.993B in Federal CHIPS Act awards for projects located in Oregon, including Intel \$1.86B (Hillsboro D1X), Microchip \$72M (Gresham), HP \$53M (Corvallis), Analog Devices \$80M (Beaverton). We can't expect to win additional federal and private investment if we can't offer speed and certainty.

I also appreciate that SB 1586 pairs urgency with guardrails: bounded industrial land (not sprawl), infrastructure-first planning (roads/transit), water/energy planning, environmental mitigation, and accountability/timelines. That's how we grow responsibly without drifting into endless delay.

Please Vote YES on SB 1586.