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As a locally based commercial general contractor, we see first-hand the positive ripple effect that the semiconductor industry has on our State's economy. Locally owned construction companies depend on not only the semiconductor manufacturer's themselves, but the businesses that provide materials and services to these advanced manufacturers, and the businesses that in turn support those businesses...and so on and so on (the ripple effect).

To keep our workforce employed, we are having to seek more and more work outside of Oregon, where States, such as Arizona and Texas, and their local municipalities are welcoming business...and their economies are thriving.

We DO see the benefits of an urban growth boundary as well. It prevents urban sprawl, and for the commercial real estate and construction industry it can help prevent the overbuilding of speculative buildings that can cause new construction to stall out until those buildings get absorbed. Too restrictive though, and industry stalls. We need large enough amounts of land to attract advanced manufacturers and the supporting businesses. Current industrial land inventory is either too small, too sloped, contain wetlands, and other restrictions, making it challenging to develop on. SB 1586 is not asking for too much, but it will help attract industry which could support thousands of construction jobs for several years, especially with the ripple effect it will have if awarded to Oregon-based contractors.

We urge you to support SB 1586 and help breathe a little life into Oregon's Economic Development engine.

Thank you,