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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Co-Chairs Sollman and Bynum, Vice-Chairs Knopp and Wallan, and Members of the Committee:

I'm a resident of NE Portland and work as the Programming Director of the Pacific Northwest CSA Coalition (PNWCSA). I'm submitting this testimony in opposition to SB4.

50% of Americans will be obese by 2030. Yet only 1 in 10 adults eat enough fruits and vegetables. We're eating enough food, just not the right kind of food. This discrepancy is leading to ever-higher rates of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and even some cancers.

Oregon is home to some of the richest farmland in the world. But as the climate warms, and droughts persist, it will become harder and harder to produce food. It's important to preserve the farmland we have.

The CHIPS act will be instrumental in repositioning the U.S. to provide the technology for the future. Oregon has a long history of leading semiconductor research and industry, and it should stay that way. But the need to win CHIPS incentive funding does not supersede the decades of thoughtful land use policy that has balanced our state's many industries and needs. Granting the governor super-siting power is reckless and short-sighted.

We urge you not to pass bill SB4 but instead develop longer-term visions that are mutually beneficial for Oregon's many industries, and provide more detailed provisions for land and accompanying infrastructure development that does not come at the cost of Oregon's precious natural resources.

Thank you for your service,  
Anne Schneider