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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Co-Chairs Bynum and Sollman and distinguished members of the committee.

Oregon's has a Big Chance for our future with SB 4.

By all accounts, our beautiful state is one of the places of interest for investment in increasing the manufacture of microchips within the United States.

We have this one big opportunity to invest in the future of our state.

And, we have only this one opportunity to get it right the first time.

There is only one way to do this – the Oregon Way. By working together and listening to everyone, we can make this a win-win for everyone.

But it is in the details of SB 4 that we need to be very careful and very cautious.

Does the bill provide for public transparency and oversight? There is no independent oversight or supervision provided in SB 4.

Does the bill ask the companies applying for this money to provide an environmental impact statement for example? No such provision exists.

Does the bill require companies to provide childcare and housing offsets for their employees? There is no provision for this in the bill although it is possible to require such a provision in the CHIPS act.

Normally, when a developer is going to fill in a wetland area in any way, there must be some “mitigation” of some sort. There is no mitigation required for the loss of farmland or the loss of the land use planning or for the increased water, roads, and electrical infrastructure that a community may find necessary once the new plant is operational.

In essence this bill will allow selected manufacturing companies to use Oregon land and Oregon funds to alter our land use laws, eliminate our valuable soil at the manufacturing sites, exacerbate our existing housing shortage, and tax our infrastructure.

In return, what do we get out of the deal? I am just not seeing the return on

investment with this proposed legislation.

I urge you to take your time, do due diligence, explore the options. What has happened elsewhere? How can we mitigate the changes that these new plants will entail?

I urge you to keep SB 4 in committee until more of these questions have been answered.

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