

TO: Joint Committee on Semiconductors

RE: Oppose SB4

Dear Co-Chairs Rep. Bynam and Sen. Sollman and Members of the Committee,

I champion the need to bring leading-edge semiconductor research and manufacturing back to Oregon.

However allowing the governor super-siting capability, specifically the types and locations of land designated in SB4, is reckless and short-sighted.

There are ways to balance both the needs of semiconductor expansion, and agricultural capabilities; both are key industries in our state. However only one necessitates a specific type of soil. The Willamette Valley consists of some of the most fertile, valuable soil in the world, which cannot be duplicated. As our climate gets hotter and drier, the agricultural value of this land will increase, as will our need for locally grown, sustainable food.

PLEASE find a way to site these factories according to the land use laws that have already been carefully and thoughtfully developed. It can certainly be done – it is your responsibility to Oregonians to find this balance. Do not design a bill that provides only certain incentives without designing policies for the other necessities of semiconductor growth: infrastructure, affordable child care, R&D tax credits, etc.

Thank you for your consideration.

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