

Submitter: James Just

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

We are Polly Gottesman and James Just. We have farmed in Washington County since 1990, providing fresh vegetables to local residents, employing local workers, and supporting local business. James was also on the North Plains UGB expansion study panel funded by the state in 1997. That study provided the framework for the current development taking place in North Plains. We are writing to you to encourage you to vote against SB4 for the following reasons:

1. SECTIONS 10 & 11 subvert the current land use process by granting to the governor unilateral power to override local and state planning processes. This is a dangerous power grab that must be stopped
2. SITING SEMICONDUCTOR FACILITIES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND POSES AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO FOOD SECURITY FOR OREGON. The class I & II soils in this area are among the best agricultural soils in the world. If the pandemic taught us anything, it should be that supply chains can not be trusted in times of emergency, and we must be able to provide for ourselves. The true conservative stance would be to preserve this irreplaceable resource.
3. PRIOR COMMITMENTS MUST BE HONORED. The land north of Hillsboro has been dedicated to agricultural use for 50 years into the future. To go back on this promise in hopes of grabbing a bit of cash from the Federal Government is irresponsible and woefully short sighted.
4. WE EXPECT OUR LEGISLATORS (ESPECIALLY REPUBLICANS) TO RESPECT THE LEGACY OF TOM McCALL and provide long-term certainty for their constituents.
5. OREGON'S STONG LAND USE PLANNING LAWS PROTECT FARMERS AND PROVIDE URBAN DWELLERS WITH THE ENVIRONMENT THEY DESIRE. We need to keep Oregon Oregon and not let it become like California

Thank you for voting against this terrible bill.

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