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Co-Chair Senator Janeen Sollman
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Joint Committee on Semiconductors
Oregon State Legislature
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Esteemed Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

The City of Woodburn wishes to express our appreciation and support for the significant work the Joint Committee on Semiconductors is undertaking to ensure a sufficient industrial lands supply for this traded sector and in leading Oregon to economic prosperity through Senate Bill 4.

Senate Bill 4 would allow Business Oregon to develop grant and loan programs to support businesses applying for financial assistance under the *Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-167)*. Additionally, this Bill provides that this program would be administered jointly by Business Oregon and the Governor; and that the Governor would have the authority to designate certain lands to be incorporated within urban growth boundaries for specified industrial uses.

In Senate Bill 4 - Section 10. (3) identifies sixteen communities that will receive consideration by the Governor to have designated lands that support the semiconductor, advanced manufacturing and supply-chain to semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries brought into their respective Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB). We request that the City of Woodburn be added to this list of communities.

With central proximity to Portland to the north and Salem to the south and located along I-5, Woodburn is an ideal location for industrial development. Woodburn has experienced an impressive amount growth over the past five years and has the capacity and opportunity to expand its industrial lands.

Having already developed or committed for development 188 acres of industrial land included in the last UGB expansion in 2015, Woodburn is currently in the process of evaluating more than 230 acres of industrially zoned urban reserve land for a subsequent UGB expansion. While our site is not on the scale of 500+ acres the state is targeting for semiconductor manufacturing, our industrial lands would be ideal for advanced manufacturing and supply-chain industries support the semiconductor industry.

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In addition to readily available industrial land, Woodburn has the existing infrastructure, population base, and potential for housing supply that would support these industries. Our community and region have award-winning schools, colleges, and career pathways programs that can support existing and future industrial businesses. Woodburn's culturally diverse population can serve to provide a competitive advantage and would benefit from these investments by increased family-wage jobs and foundational generational wealth.

We appreciate your consideration of our request to include the City of Woodburn on the list of cities for designation consideration in Senate Bill 4.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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City of Woodburn

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