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I cannot support SB 4 with Section 10 included. Oregon currently has plenty of land of various sizes and readiness WITHIN urban growth boundaries. Our land use system has done a reasonably good job of protecting our farm and forest land and open spaces for five decades, of preventing the kind of sprawl so common in most other states. To suddenly go back on this intergenerational agreement when we do not need to in order to offer the semiconductor industries the type of parcel they need is just unnecessary and wrong. Groups who generally disagree on legislation have come together in agreement that this is a BAD idea.

It appears that this super-siting concept has come up for the purpose of annexing a more than 1000 acres of farmland into Hillsboros UGB even though they long have had and still do have plenty within the existing UGB. I would like to take this opportunity to suggest that it would be politically wise and fair to preference those municipalities in other areas of the state who have inside their UGBs parcels of land that meet the needs of the semiconductor industry. Such areas could certainly use the jobs and appreciate the added economic activity and it could go a way toward defusing our storied urban-rural divide.

I cannot come up with a single compelling reason to allow the governor or the legislature to super-site land outside UGBs in 2023 for the semiconductor industry. Please delete Section 10 of SB4 and let us get to work on those applications for federal money for the good parcels we have ready and waiting around the state.

Sincerely,
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