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To: **Co-Chairs Sen. Sollman and Rep. Bynum and Members of the Committee
Joint Committee on Semiconductors**
Email: jsemi.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov

Re: **SB 4 – Addressing Semiconductor Manufacturing –Oppose Section 10**

The League of Women Voters of Oregon supports Oregon's land use planning system with its 19 Goals because it allows for a balance of values for the use of Oregon's lands. Oregon cities and counties have adopted Comprehensive Plans and maps that address many of those Goals, including providing for economic opportunities. Those opportunities are evident in Goals 3 and 4, our agricultural and forestry industries. They are reflected in Goal 8, recreational needs and Goal 9, economic development (where semiconductor lands would fit). But also Goal 10 housing and Goals 11 and 12 that recognize the need for public facilities and transportation. Goals 5, 6 & 7 and 15-19 relate to a variety of natural resources. Goal 14, added to the first 10 by the public back in 1974, recognizes that **Oregonians need complete communities—with places to live, work, shop and play.** **Oregon can be proud of how all these 19 Goals make Oregon a great place to live and work.**

The opportunity for Oregon to apply for federal funds under the CHIPS Act should be considered by our legislative leaders. However, **the League cannot support upending our land use planning program by allowing the Governor to “supersite” or designate a variety of industrial lands outside of our urban growth boundaries.** There are a number of opportunities in the CHIPS Act beyond 500-1,000 acres being discussed for megafactories that might not come to Oregon. And, if we have allowed this “supersiting”, we will have changed our thoughtful planning program for naught. For instance, HP, a business located in the City of Corvallis, is considering applying for CHIPS monies without requiring additional land. Their current factory facilities can be upgraded and provide the opportunities for growth, for good new jobs, all without changing Corvallis’ Comprehensive Plan. We suspect there are a number of other examples around Oregon for you to consider—where Oregon could help these businesses gain access to the federal CHIPS money without Section 10 of this bill.

There are many raw vacant lands in current urban growth boundaries available. What they need is infrastructure. We need “shovel ready” industrial lands, so investment in those already industrially designated lands would likely provide a better outcome. And there are even partially or fully serviced lands inside cities that might be considered by these businesses.

The League asks that this committee reject Section 10—a part of which is listed below—and take advantage of the lands already designated for industrial use.

SECTION 10. (1) On or before June 30, 2024, the Governor may, by executive order, bring within an existing urban growth boundary designated lands for the purposes of providing lands available for industrial uses that relate to the semiconductor industry, advanced manufacturing or the supply chain for semiconductors or advanced manufacturing

(2) Lands designated by an executive order under this section must be within a site that consists of one or more tracts of land that are: (a) Contiguous to the city's existing urban growth boundary; and (b) Entirely within three miles of the city's existing urban growth boundary.

We urge you to amend SB 4 to remove Section 10 and consider funding infrastructure projects on already designated industrial lands so that the land can be ready for business opportunities all over Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.



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