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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors

Measure: SB4

Dear Senators Sollman and Knopp and Representatives Bynum and Wallan,

Thank you for sponsoring this bill. I am aware of the tremendous opportunity that the CHIPS Act represents and also of the limited time we have to make use of this money.

I am concerned about the proposed expansion of the urban growth boundary, referred to in sections 10 and 11 of this bill. I know many farmers are concerned as well. Our urban boundaries are there for a reason—to protect our forests and farm lands. We need to be making better use of the spaces that we've already converted into sprawling corporate buildings and parking lots. Much of this space is under-utilized, especially after the Covid pandemic. When I go for bike rides in these Hillsboro areas, they feel like ghost towns. Why not use these areas instead of the grass lands and farm lands that will become more and more precious as our time on this planet continues?

I am urgently asking you: Please do not take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and cut corners to achieve it. I see the CHIPS Act as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not just for the jobs and revenue it can bring, but also to create GREEN infrastructure with the Climate Crisis in mind. If that money goes to Ohio or some other state, we'll have no say in how they use the money. Here in Oregon, we can ensure that the buildings meet and exceed our Climate Crisis goals.