



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 6, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 4B

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I want to begin by saying I deeply appreciate the work that has gone into SB 4, and the thoughtful amendments made to protect valuable land in our state. As a lifelong Beavertonian and Washington county resident I know that good tech jobs have been important to families and our community, as is protection of land outside the urban growth boundary (UGB). Family wage job creation in our state, especially during a time of increasing economic inequality, is also important. But, I also want to be sure that while we build prosperity for current generations we are building a world where *future* generations can prosper in a habitable climate.

As I mentioned, the amendments around the UGB are appreciated. But it's not just the footprint of the actual land we should think about, the carbon footprint of semiconductor manufacturing is also quite significant. Semiconductor manufacturing produces hazardous waste, complex air emissions, and uses literal tons of water. Our state has spent years under resourcing important state agencies related to protecting our natural resources and environment. Yet throughout my many conversations related to this bill I am not convinced that we will see adequate investment in the agencies tasked with regulating negative climate impacts. For that reason, I regretfully could not support this bill.

Sincerely,

Representative Farrah Chaichi, House District 35

