

Dear Governor Kotek,

My name is **[Your Name]**. I am the **[Your Position/Title]** of **[Your Organization]**. I am writing to express my support for the proposed 373-acre expansion of the urban growth boundary (UGB) around Hillsboro.

This initiative represents an opportunity for Oregon to become a competitive candidate in the Federal Government's decision to locate a semiconductor research and development center funded by the federal CHIPS Act. Ensuring this center is built in Oregon will help our state continue to lead in the semiconductor industry, create middle-class jobs, and drive innovation that benefits all Oregonians.

The federal CHIPS Act, and the subsequent Oregon CHIPS Act (SB4), created a multi-generational opportunity to create economic growth within our state. The Governor's SB4 authority to expand the UGB is vital to ensuring Oregon continues to land federal investments, like the CHIPS act, in our future. The need for this expedited process is clear and **[Your Organization]** supports the issuing of an Executive Order in support of this expansion.

As a representative of **[Your Organization]**, a **[briefly describe your organization]**, I believe that this expansion is vital for several reasons:

1. **Economic Growth:** It is time to move past the false notion that Oregonians can only either care about farm and forest OR economic opportunities that create middle class jobs. The semiconductor industry is one of the most important business sectors in the world. By positioning Oregon as a location for one of these semiconductor research centers, we can create thousands of high-paying jobs, boost consumer spending, strengthen the middle class, and increase generated tax revenue. This expansion would support working families not only around the Portland metro area, but across the entire state.
2. **Global Competitiveness:** As worldwide demand for semiconductors continues to rise, it is crucial that Oregon continues to position itself as a leader in this industry. Expanding the UGB will help attract further investment and talent, ensuring our state remains competitive both nationally and internationally.
3. **Land Use Considerations:** While some may express concerns about expanding the UGB, it is important to note that the land in question has been identified as suitable for development. Many local landowners have already voiced their support for this expansion, and it aligns with state environmental standards and responsible growth practices.

This expansion is not a choice between preserving farmland and fostering economic growth, it is a strategic decision that balances both, securing a prosperous future for all Oregonians. It is critical that the Governor uses the authority granted under SB4 to bring this land into the UGB, signaling Oregon's commitment to innovation and economic prosperity.

We encourage forward-thinking action today to provide extraordinary opportunities for Oregonians tomorrow. Thank you for your leadership and consideration in this matter. We at **[Your Organization]** fully support this expansion and hope that this process will result in a decision that best serves all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

[Your Name], [Your Organization]