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Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans:

My name is Dr. Katherine Muller. **I support the four CEI Hub bills in front of your Committee (HB 3450, HB 2949, HB 2152, HB 2151)** and I strongly urge you to pass these bills out of Committee.

As a resident of Northeast Portland in the Hollywood neighborhood, I am in the blast zone of fuel trains heading to the CEI hub. As a resident of Multnomah County, I would be directly at risk from the economic and environmental consequences of even the smallest spill or release at the CEI hub. As an Oregonian, I would be one of the hundreds of thousands forever impacted by the kind of disaster that will be inevitable at the CEI hub in a seismic event.

As you are aware, the CEI hub tanks, which contain 90% of the state's liquid fuel supply and 100% of the liquid aviation fuel, is located on soils that will liquify in the event of an earthquake. They are also at risk from multitude of other dangers ranging from human error, train derailments, lighting strikes or fire. Even small accidents would harm not only the residents of the area, but could forever degrade our waterways and wildlife, as well as put Oregonians throughout the state in economic harm from the loss of fuel, pollution, and the costs of cleanup.

These four CEI Hub bills are important to Oregon:
- we need a transition plan for the CEI Hub (HB 3450)
- we need risk bonding (that is not based on insurance) (HB 2949)
- we need an emergency fuels plan (HB 2152)
- we need to expand the Seismic Risk mitigation fund (HB 2151)

These bills begin to address this critical issue for us all. I encourage you to support these bills, and, if given an opportunity, to make them even stronger.

I am counting on you to consider the health and well-being of the state's residents by voting to move these bills out of committee

Sincerely,

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