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On Behalf Of: Third Act Oregon
Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2151

Honorable Legislators,

I am a resident of North Portland. I write to support measures before you that investigate, mitigate and provide transparency for the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. The risks to the citizens of Portland and to the habitat of the Willamette and Columbia River inherent in the current configuration of the CEI Hub are poorly understood but nevertheless certain. The combination of outdated fuel and chemical storage units, liquefaction characteristics of the fill supporting those tanks and the certainty of a large seismic event represent enormous risk to the surrounding communities and river habitats. All measures that examine the totality of the risk, provide mitigation and funding should be supported by the peoples representatives. The current situation of emergency planning and assurance are wholly inadequate to the risk of human lives and Portland area natural habitat. There must be a full understanding of the risks of catastrophic failure in the CEI in the certain event of a Cascadia seismic rupture. There must be a comprehensive emergency plan to respond to such an event. There must be financial security, paid for by the industries responsible when this catastrophe occurs (not if, when). It is the responsibility of our elected representatives to understand, plan for and fund the needed emergency response.

I live in the risk zone. So do many of your constituents. Please represent us by advocating for our safety.

Thank you for your attention,

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