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Senator Kate Lieber, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
900 Court St. NE, HR B
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Lieber and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland strongly supports SB 1567 to increase the seismic resilience and safety of critical energy infrastructure. Oregon's aging fuel storage infrastructure is vulnerable to critical failure in a future Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake.

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, in partnership with Multnomah County's Office of Sustainability, commissioned a report on the human and ecological impacts of fuel releases from the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub in Northwest Portland in the event of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The seismic vulnerability of the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub poses the greatest threat to our fuel storage system. Local and state stakeholders must work together to mitigate the seismic risk for Oregon's fuel storage infrastructure to limit damage and ensure that the state is resilient and can quickly recover after a major seismic event.

The City strongly supports SB 1567 to direct the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to require fuel storage facilities to assess their seismic vulnerability and implement mitigation plans to reduce risks and to direct the Oregon Department of Energy to develop an Energy Security Plan that recommends steps to improve community resilience by increasing geographic diversity of fuel storage capacity.

A major seismic event won't wait for us to address our critical infrastructure needs. We must continue to advance policies to increase our collective resilience and respectfully urge your support of SB 1567.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler
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