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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1567

Greetings,

My name is Mike Horner and I live in the Foster-Powell neighborhood in SE Portland. I am writing in support of this bill because it is long overdue. The fact that we have not had a catastrophe at the CEI hub is in no way attributable to anything but dumb luck. The new report detailing the results of a subduction zone earthquake should keep us all awake at night. For 100 years the city has been permitting the storage of volatile liquids and chemicals in unreinforced containers on unstable ground. There was a time when we could plead ignorance but no more. Now we know definitively that the entire area will liquify disastrously when the ground shakes. Something north of \$2.6B is estimated to be the damages. The survey recommended in this bill will be the first step in a sprint to mitigate this danger. The earthquake is overdue and business as usual will not be sufficient.

Businesses in the CEI hub have long been operating without sufficient safeguards because they have not been required. Now is the time. Please move this bill as quickly as possible to reduce the hazard.

Thanks for your work on this important legislation. Hopefully, it won't be too late.

Very best,

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