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On Behalf Of:

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I write in support of SB685. This bill promotes the public's right to know about hydrogen blending plans. The community deserves to know what is being piped into their homes and the potential risks of doing so. Hydrogen is more explosive and ignites more easily than methane. Blending hydrogen into methane increases risks of explosion and pipeline leaks. This bill requires safety precautions and regulations as part of project approval. Hydrogen blending prolongs our dependence on fossil fuels like methane. Hydrogen blending and pipe retrofitting is costly, and ultimately utilities may transfer these costs to ratepayers without their knowledge or prior approval, raising utility bills. Please protect Oregon's environment and communities by supporting this legislation. Thank you!