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At this time in our history when things feel incredibly unsafe and unstable nationally and globally, we can take action here at home to make sure the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub does not continue to be a huge public safety risk. Studies have made it very clear that that a natural disaster, oil or chemical spill can have catastrophic consequences and not only would the Willamette River and all life in or near it be destroyed, our state economy would tank.

Multnomah County Emergency Management has made it clear that when the earthquake hits, many of us in Portland will be asphyxiated due to the toxic chemicals stored in tanks at the hub. With the rapidly changing climate, risks of wildfires and flooding, I have nightmares thinking about my children and grandchildren and the kind of future they will inherit if we don't act now.

HB 3450 is exactly the kind of action we must take to address these risks. It is a wholistic energy storage transition plan for the Hub that sets measurable and realistic goals to safely and equitably address the dangers of flammable, combustible and toxic fuels stored there. HB 3450 is an inclusive planning process that stops us from kicking the can down the road to disaster. Please protect the health and safety of Oregonians by supporting HB 3450.

Thank you.