

February 27, 2025

To: House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Re: **Support for HB 2152 for the Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations**

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis and members of the committee

For the record, Sunday, January 26, was the 325th anniversary of the last Great M9.0 earthquake to strike Oregon in 1700. There are hundreds of millions of gallons of petroleum stored at the CEI Hub where over 90% of Oregon's fuel supply is concentrated.

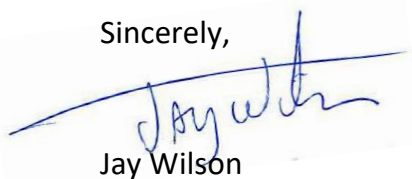
I support the intentions of HB 2152 to increase the geographic diversity of liquid fuel storage by region in Oregon, but I am especially interested in the Bill's language calling for prioritized list of locations for expanding storage capacity at existing fuel storage sites or developing fuel storage capacity at sites where there is not currently fuel storage.

We need to reduce the seismic risk that is concentrated at the CEI Hub and increase the geographic diversity and security for Oregon's bulk fuel storage, not just fueling stations. Therefore, now is the time to decentralize some reasonable quantity of bulk storage from that dangerous zone that we call the CEI Hub. Doubling down keeping 90% of Oregon's fuel storage at the CEI Hub is not cost-effective and it is not resilient. HB 2152 could be the means to have new, seismically designed bulk fuel storage facilities in safer, more stable locations that would survive the quake and remain in operation at regional hubs for everyday and emergency distribution.

As a former Chair of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission and a local emergency manager, I support HB 2152 and urge you to pass this bill with an emphasis on decentralizing the concentration of risk at the CEI Hub.

Thank you for your leadership and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Wilson", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Jay Wilson

Resident of the City of Portland and Multnomah County