

**Testimony to House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
Support HB 2152 – Disaster Fuel Reserves**

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Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Daniel Frye, I organize with MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together), a community of volunteers working to advance a healthy climate and a successful green economy for future generations.

My family and I live in North and Northeast Portland and we would be profoundly negatively affected by a collapse of the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub.

I am writing today in strong support of HB 2152, a bill that is essential to ensuring how well and how rapidly emergency responders can and will react to any large spill from the CEI-Hub. HB 2152 calls on ODOE to develop and implement a “Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan” that includes:

- Strategies to increase geographical distribution of disaster response fuel by region
- Strategies to improve statewide liquid fuel storage by region in Oregon;
- Prioritized list of locations for expanded or new fuel storage;
- Consideration of negative community and environmental impacts;
- Potential for declining reliance on fossil fuels.

Each of these elements of the bill are critical and necessary components of the final action plan.

Of particular importance is the explicit direction in the bill to increase geographical distribution of the fuel system. One of the reasons the CEI-Hub was developed in a zone now known to undergo liquefaction under intense stress (such as “The Big One”) is that the dangers of liquefaction were not well understood until the development on the current CEI-Hub site was past any reasonable fix. Given that we do not know what we do not know, it is prudent to design our emergency fuel system to be built in a distributed fashion on geographically diverse locations.

I urge support for HB 2152 by the Committee.

Sincerely,

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