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February 27, 2015

To: Representative Thuy Tran, Chair, House Committee on Emergency Management,

General Government, and Veterans

Re: <u>HB 2152</u> – Priority Action Plan for Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for

Disaster Reserves – Support

LWVOR has strong positions on air quality, land use, water quality, protecting our coastal resources, public health, and climate change. LWVOR believes that all levels of government share the responsibility of coordinating, implementing and funding an effective program to mitigate Oregon's earthquake and tsunami hazards. Priority must be given to mitigation that protects human life and safeguards critical life-support systems. When siting critical facilities, seismic factors such as severe ground shaking, liquefaction, massive landslide potential, and subsidence should be considered. The League of Women Voters of Oregon has been working on seismic issues since 1995. In 2022, LWVOR endorsed SB 1567 as an initial step towards statewide energy infrastructure resilience and geographic diversity.

The Energy Security Plan, required by SB 1567 and published in September 2024, includes recommendations for increasing the geographic diversity of fuel storage capacity throughout the state, including an evaluation of strategies to overcome barriers to geographic distribution. Now HB 2152 directs the Department of Energy to create an action plan based on the Energy Security Plan, including strategies to increase geographic diversity of liquid fuel storage by region, strategies to improve statewide liquid fuel reserves, and a prioritized list of locations for expanding storage capacity at existing storage sites or developing storage capacity elsewhere.

We urge the committee to support HB 2152 with all deliberate speed.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.

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