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Testimony in Support of HB 3450: Transitioning to Secure and Sustainable Energy Storage

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House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

1:00 p.m., Hearing Room C

Chair Tran, Vice Chairs Grayber & Lewis, and Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans:

For the record, my name is Lisa Reynolds, and I represent West Portland and communities in Northeastern Washington County across the way in the State Senate.

I am testifying today in strong support of HB 3450, which is especially important to my constituents and to me, as the Critical Energy Infrastructure hub is in my Senate district. As we have heard, we are dealing with a fragile situation that has the potential to produce devastating effects for not only the people who live near the hub but for all Oregonians.

As we weigh the risks and benefits of HB 3450, we must do so with the health and safety of Oregonians in mind. I believe the best way to support our people requires the establishment of long-term goals that create a well-rounded energy plan— a plan that directly mitigates potential harm.

As a doctor, I support HB 3450 because it is a proactive response to what could potentially become a grand public health crisis, putting millions of Oregonians at risk of exposure to airborne and waterborne toxins, not to mention fire hazards. As the Senator whose constituents live closest to this hub, I urge this committee and Oregon to work towards securing sustainable energy storage.

Thank you to you all and to the incredible advocates who have worked on this problem for years!

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