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On Behalf Of: Tank the Tanks
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Government, and Veterans
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My name is Nicole Brun-Cottan and I write to you as a concerned citizen of Oregon and steward of the resources of the tribal lands of the indigenous peoples of this region. I strongly support the four CEI hub bills, HB 3450 HB 2949, HB 2152, and 2151.

The tank farm in North Portland that we call the CEI Hub have always been disturbing to me as a Portland resident. It's ugly, and it's toxic. It's an environmental disaster the size of the Deepwater Horizon waiting to happen in an urban area. It is an incendiary bomb, sitting on river dredge, on top of a fault line, in a liquefaction zone, next to the largest urban park in the country, waiting for a spark. If those tanks blow, if a fuel train derails there, the consequences will be devastating to all life in the region. As if that isn't enough, when I came to understand that 90% of Oregon's fuel supply is stored here at any given time, the threat took on a whole new dimension. The security risk is unimaginable. We need better solutions for fuel storage, mixing, and transport.

Each of the bills before this Committee is essential to protecting community and environmental safety and justice.

HB 3450 will create the first-ever wholistic plan for how Oregon can transition away from concentrating 90% of the state's liquid fuels on unstable, disaster-prone land.

HB 2949 will protect Oregon taxpayers and the state budget by studying the viability of requiring financial assurances that hold facility operators financially responsible for costs arising from a catastrophic disaster at their facility.

HB 2152 will lead to an actionable plan to ensure adequate fuel supplies to emergency responders, statewide, even if they lose access to the CEI Hub.

HB 2151 will expand the potential uses of the Seismic Risk Mitigation Fund, to include advance preparedness and recognizes that private as well as public sector groups can be valuable partners in preparedness work.

Respectfully,
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