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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3450

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

Subject: Support HB 3450

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

My name is Linda Richards and I live in Corvallis Oregon. A Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake in the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub would result in an oil spill akin to the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster, immeasurable cultural losses, detrimental impacts to human health, and massive costs in damages, possibly totaling to billions. Please support HB 3450. This bill would direct the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study and develop an “energy storage transition plan” for the CEI Hub. It is a public health and safety risk to have 90% of Oregon’s liquid fuels in such a hazardous location.

I strongly urge you to support HB 3450. Thank you.