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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2949

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

Subject: Support HB 2949

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 2949. This bill would direct the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to contract a study on financial assurance requirements for bulk and liquid fuel terminals.

Financial assurance would require that a business/service provider – not the consumer or taxpayers – bears financial responsibility for costs arising from a disaster, accident, or provider failure. I am not interested in sacrificing Oregonians and their environment for the benefit of corporations.

I strongly urge you to support HB 2949. Thank you!