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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2152

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

Subject: Support HB 2152

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. I am interested in protecting Oregonians and their environment for the benefit of future generations. Scientists predict there is about a 37% chance that an earthquake of 7.1+ magnitude in the Cascadia Subduction Zone will occur in the next 50 years. More than 90% of all liquid fuel in Oregon is stored at facilities in the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub. Unfortunately, the CEI Hub was built on unstable soil subject to liquefaction and lateral spreading in an earthquake. For this reason, I am urging you to support HB 2152. This bill directs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to develop and implement a Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan.

Oregon will likely face an electrical blackout, extended natural gas service outages, and liquid fuel shortages in the event of a major CSZ earthquake, putting a strain on emergency response services.

I strongly urge you to support HB 2152. Thank you.