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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2152

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and Members of the Committee,

I'm a resident of NW Portland who could be directly impacted by a CEI hub disaster, a member of the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter, and a human being who cares and can live because of the relative health of the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we call home. Thank you to Chair Tran and all the others who worked so hard on these bills. Committee: Please support all 4 of the suite of CEI hub bills: HB 3450, HB 2949, HB 2151, and HB 2152, and I ask you to also consider an improvement for this bill, HB 2152.

HB2152 specifically intends to ensure that diverse geographical regions of Oregon have access to needed fuels in the event of a disaster that cuts regions off from the current reserves at the CEI hub. I appreciate that the bill is written with thoughtful attention to environmental justice and a Just Transition.

-- With this in mind, please consider that we need not only the reliance on fossil fuels to decline, but the reliance on All combustion fuels to decline both for emergency safety and for efficiency and economic reasons.

-- The Department of Energy's Oregon Energy Strategy Modeling Presentation shows that the least cost scenario for Oregon, including for trucking, requires electrification, and biofuels are significantly more expensive and less efficient.

Please consider broadening the scope of section 1(1)(3)(b) to match these concerns. Please amend section 1(1)(3)(b) of HB2152 to read:

“(b) The potential for reliance on polluting combustion fuels to decline and the impact on the action plan resulting from that decline.”

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and for your work on these important bills,
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