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My name is Brian Ettling. I live in outer northeast Portland. For 25 years, I was a seasonal park ranger at Crater Lake National Park. Sadly, while working in the national parks, I saw the impact of climate change with the annual average snowpack diminishing and the summer fire season becoming more intense. Thus, I have been a climate organizer living in Portland for the last 8 years strongly supporting bills to address climate change and protecting our environment.

I am sad to say I oppose this bill if it includes as preemption clause. to kill all efforts to do risk-bonding in the state of Oregon.

I believe WSPA (Western States Petroleum Association) is trying to kill all efforts to do risk-bonding in the state of Oregon.

I think it is vital that we protect Portland and the state of Oregon from the catastrophe threat the CEI (Critical Energy Infrastructure) hub poses if there is a devastating earthquake, which will eventually happen.

I support all 4 CEI Hub Bills. I applaud Rep. Thuy Tran's efforts to try to champion these bills through the Oregon Legislature. In fact, I gave oral testimony in favor of HB 3450 in person in Salem last Tuesday. I testified on behalf of the Portland Climate Reality Project, which strongly supports the CEI Hub bills as well as I. My dad took me to see the 1974 Earthquake film starring Charlton Heston. As a 6 year old, I left the theatre scared of extreme earthquakes. While we can't prevent dangerous earthquakes, we can prevent the catastrophe of the CEI Hub oil storage tanks exploding and causing massive oil spills while leaving 90% of Oregon unable to have access to gasoline and other fossil fuel products after an extreme earthquake. Now is the time to prevent that.

I was prepared to support HB 2949. However, I heard from local organizers at this evening's town hall for Rep. Thuy Tran that WSPA wants to weaken the bill with an amendment for a preemption cause. Let's not give into their demands.

Please pass HB 2949 WITHOUT any amendments for a preemption cause or anything else that would weaken the efforts to address this vital issue.

Thank you for considering my written testimony on this.

With much gratitude.

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