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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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Chair Tran, Vice Chairs Grayber and Lewis, Honorable Members,

I strongly oppose any use of state preemption to deny Multnomah County's inherent authority to regulate financial assurance requirements for facilities in the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. Local jurisdictions must have full authority to protect the health, safety, and the very lives of their residents.

After spending more than two decades working on behalf of a firm which grew into a Fortune 50 company, I well understand the desire to achieve operational efficiencies across multiple jurisdictions to improve profit margins. However, the testimony you have received over the past weeks makes it clear that the existential issues raised by the CEI Hub vastly outweigh the profit motive.

I urge the Committee not to amend HB 2949 - or any other CEI Hub bill - to limit the ability of local jurisdictions to protect their residents from the grave dangers of the CEI Hub.

Sincerely,
Laura Rogers