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On Behalf Of:

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I am a Multnomah County resident and a retired public health physician who is deeply concerned about health, safety and economic impacts from a disaster at the CEI Hub on the Willamette River in Portland where 85-90% of the states reserve fuels are stored. While I think risk bonding is a sensible and necessary next step in efforts by state, regional and local governments to address the enormous risks associated with the CEI hub and similar fuel storage operations, I do NOT support any legislation that contains pre-emption clauses or amendments as recently suggested by industry lobbyists. The need for pre-emption amendments is weakly justified and are completely unnecessary in this legislation calling for study. Instead, I believe that pre-emption amendments are themselves an effort by industry to pre-empt responsible efforts by local jurisdictions who are most at risk and will be most affected by any failures. Please do not allow any pre-emption amendments to be included in this or other risk bond related legislation. Thank you for your work on behalf of our state.