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Dear Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

350PDX strongly supports HB 3492, which would direct the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to study risks and issues relating to earthquake-induced dispersion of hazardous materials. We urge you to pass this bill out of Committee.

For over a decade, [350PDX](#) has been building a movement for climate justice in the greater Portland metro area. We have hundreds of active volunteers with a base of thousands, all who support our work to fight for just solutions to the climate crisis.

HB 3492 would build upon [an important 2023 report from Multnomah County](#) which documented the threat of toxic gases after the impending Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. A major earthquake in Oregon is not a matter of *if*, but *when*. This bill is a critical step toward safeguarding our communities from the compounded dangers of seismic events and hazardous gaseous releases. By proactively identifying and addressing these risks, we can enhance public safety, protect vulnerable populations, and strengthen Oregon's overall resilience to natural disasters.

We urge the Committee to support HB 3492 and reaffirm its commitment to the safety and well-being of all Oregonians. Investing in these preventative measures now will save lives, reduce infrastructure and ecological damage, and minimize economic fallout when the next disaster strikes.

Thank you for your time and commitment to safeguarding our communities. We look forward to your leadership on this critical issue.

Thank you,

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Building the climate justice movement.