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Dear Co-Chair Kate Lieber, Co-Chair Tawna Sanchez, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

On behalf of Fixed Resilience LLC, we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 2, which allocates essential funding to repair and upgrade the Salvage Chief. As a company dedicated to building resilient communities and emergency preparedness across Oregon, we understand firsthand the critical importance of maintaining effective disaster response capabilities.

The Salvage Chief has historically provided indispensable services in emergency marine salvage, environmental protection, and coastal safety operations. The vessel's ability to rapidly respond to maritime and ecological crises makes it a crucial component of Oregon's disaster response infrastructure.

The financial implications of investing in the Salvage Chief now significantly outweigh the potential costs associated with a disaster if this vessel were not operational. Given the risks associated with the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami scenario, Oregon faces potentially devastating fiscal and human losses without the Salvage Chief's operational readiness. By proactively funding the renovations outlined in SB2—hull repairs, engine and fire pump upgrades, emergency communications enhancements, and compliance with United States Coast Guard standards—the state will avoid substantially greater costs in disaster response, environmental remediation, and economic recovery.

An investment in the Salvage Chief today demonstrates prudent fiscal stewardship and strategic disaster preparedness, protecting both lives and livelihoods in Oregon for years to come.

We urge your swift approval of SB2 and thank you for recognizing the importance of proactive, fiscally responsible disaster mitigation.

Respectfully,

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