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On Behalf Of:
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To: Joint Committee on Transportation Oregon State Legislature Salem, Oregon
From: Linda Fields, resident of the North Peninsula of the city of Portland.

It is well known that the North Peninsula in the City of Portland is the most threatened Community in the area for stranding from infrastructure collapse in the event of a major earthquake: 20,000+ citizens virtually isolated from the rest of Portland. As recommended by the Oregon Department of Emergency (OEM) Management, I have acted responsibly and prepared my own two week emergency kit of food, water and medical supplies and urged my neighbors to do likewise.

OEM also advises residents to "Know evacuation routes in your area," advice that those of us who live and/or work on the peninsula would relish heeding if the worst case and likely scenario of a toxic cloud of gasses escaping from the CEI (Critical Energy Infrastructure) Hub occurs. Perhaps a parenthetical exception should be added to the OEM page: Does not apply to the North Peninsula of Portland: there will be no evacuation route in the case of a major seismic event.

The State of Oregon has an opportunity to also act responsibly and take the necessary first steps that will ultimately save thousands of lives and expedite the recovery of the area after the disaster by supporting the passage of HB 2749. I urge you to do so.