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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to implore you to include emergency provisions that are included in HB 2025.

I reside in North Portland and this will eventually become a life and death event for all of us - we need an emergency escape route.

What we know:

A major earthquake is expected in the Pacific Northwest, with a 37% chance of a magnitude 7–9+ quake in the next 50 years.

This quake will likely destroy much of the Metro area and the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub—the tank farms across from St. Johns that store 90% of Oregon's fuel.

Three sides of the North Portland peninsula are prone to liquefaction, which will destabilize the land. The only roads out—Lombard, Fessenden, and Columbia Blvd—cross 100-year-old bridges over a deep rail cut. These bridges are expected to fail.

Columbia and Lombard are designated as regional emergency routes, but current infrastructure can't guarantee access.

A PBOT study confirms the urgent need to strengthen these bridges and access routes.

Fires at the tank farms could create toxic air, forcing evacuation. Even if not, we could be cut off from medical care and supplies for weeks.

You need to act now!

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