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My wife and I live above the CEI Hub off of HWY 30. This six mile stretch of oil tanks, railroad facilities, daily lined with oil railcars, is a reminder to us as we drive next to it of the proximity and concern it presents. Additionally, our child is a Portland Firefighter. In the case of an accident, an earthquake, or some other mishap which results in a serious fire, the danger posed is of special concern to us.

We know enough of the history of its' development, the foundation and soil that supports the 600 plus above ground oil tanks, to be a concerned. It should also be a concern to the State's Legislature. As you know, this site is critical to the entire State's liquid fuel supplies. It would be irresponsible for the State to not move forward to develop an energy storage transition plan, which should involve identifying the risks and related costs. HB 2949, Risk Bond Study is needed to get moving on this. The businesses involved with this site need to be responsible for costs arising from the likely disaster that the CEI site poses.

Additionally, the State has an existing plan to transition to renewable energy. This is not going to happen overnight. This is also something that should have been undertaken starting decades ago. But.. here we are. Late but the time for being serious about our State's future is now. Vote YES on HB 2949.