



**Testimony to House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans
Support for HB 4100 – CEI Hub Risk Bonding**

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chairs Lewis & Watanabe, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dr. Daniel Frye and I am submitting these comments on behalf of MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together), a community of volunteers working on advancing a healthy climate and preparing Oregon for success in a clean energy future.

My family and I live in North and Northeast Portland and we would be profoundly negatively affected by a collapse of the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub.

I am writing today in strong support of HB 4100, which requires that owners of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals show they have the financial wherewithal to cover the costs of oil or fuel spills up to a maximum of \$300M. Owners have to obtain a “Certificate of financial responsibility” from the Department of Environmental Quality and this bill provides those owners a wide range of financial instruments with which to do so.

It is only fair that companies that have made billions in profits in Oregon from these fuels be expected to pay their fair share of cleanup costs when (not if) a catastrophic collapse of the CEI-Hub happens.

I strongly urge support for HB 4400 by the Committee. The need for this bill is immediate, we can no longer delay taking this critical step.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Frye, PhD

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