

February 10, 2026

To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

Re: Support for HB 4032 on Statewide Geographic Dispersed Emergency Fuel Storage Sites

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Watanabe and members of the committee,

I strongly support House Bill 4032, because the people of Oregon, through your leadership in the State Legislature, need to address the following actions:

1. Decentralize the risk for over 90% of Oregon's fuel storage capacity that's concentrated in one of the most dangerous areas in the State for earthquake, wildfire, flood, and landslide hazards. For nearly 100 years, the City of Portland has shouldered the disproportionate risk from the CEI Hub's aging tank farms on behalf of serving the State of Oregon's fuel supply needs.
2. Decrease the exposure to the adjacent neighborhoods and communities to the potential catastrophic release of 90% of Oregon's fuel storage capacity from an M9.0 earthquake.
3. Decrease the potential for polluting the Willamette and Columbia Rivers from the expected M9.0 earthquake from storing 90% of Oregon's fuel supplies.
4. Decrease the burden for the City of Portland to almost solely regulate the land use and zoning administration for 90% of Oregon's fuel storage infrastructure.
5. Increase the responsibility for the State of Oregon to safely site fuel storage facilities in regional locations that are designed and constructed to the highest seismic standards.
6. Create incentives for fuel companies to participate in increasing Oregon's geographic diversity for emergency fuels supplies and bulk fuel storage beyond the City of Portland.
7. Conduct energy transition planning for the CEI Hub facilities to meet Oregon's 2050 Net Zero greenhouse gas emission standards.
8. Plan for post-disaster recovery for Oregon's energy sector, and specifically the CEI Hub facilities, following the anticipated M9.0 Cascadia Earthquake.

I urge you to pass HB 4032, which will protect the lives and economic stability for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

Jay Wilson,

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