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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4032

Greetings Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Watanabe, and Members of the Committee,

I am Dr. Theodora Tsongas, an environmental health scientist with a career in public health. I am writing in support of HB 4032-1.

It is a given that the predicted Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake can happen at any time, and it would destroy the State's fuel supply because most of that fuel supply is located on liquifiable soils at the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub. This will leave the State in a long-term disaster. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to locate suitable fuel storage sites throughout Oregon. HB 4032 will expedite the location of new sites for emergency fuel, and get the process of addressing this unfortunate situation going. We cannot wait any longer to make sure the state has access to fuel in emergencies. Please vote yes on HB 4032.

Thank you for your work and for your attention to this emergency situation.