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To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

Re: Support HB 4100

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

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. One of the most serious looming threats to health and safety facing Oregonians is the “Big One” or Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) earthquake. A CSZ earthquake in the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub, where 90% of the state’s liquid fuels are stored, would result in a disaster akin to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the largest marine oil spill in history. The costs are astronomical, and taxpayers should not be left to pay. According to the ECONorthwest study, the health costs alone are estimated to range from \$121 million to \$249 million. For this reason, Oregon PSR supports HB 4100.

This bill will require owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuel terminals to demonstrate they can cover the costs of oil or fuel spills. It is in the public health and safety interests of the state that it requires financial assurances from these businesses. Oregon PSR urges the committee to pass HB 4100.

Sincerely,

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