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To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

Re: Support HB 4032

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. Oregonians across the state will need fuels for critical services and technologies such as emergency response, fire response, transportation, medical equipment, and power generation. Putting all our eggs in one basket is never a good idea. For this reason, Oregon PSR supports HB 4032.

This bill directs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study and evaluate sites with the potential to serve as geographically dispersed emergency fuel storage locations. ODOE will then be required to prepare a report and present the findings to the energy and emergency management interim committees of the Legislative Assembly. These findings will play an instrumental role in fortifying Oregon’s resilience to disasters and in safeguarding the energy security of communities in times of crisis. Oregon PSR urges the committee to pass HB 4032.

Sincerely,

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