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To: House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans

From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)

Re: **Support for HB 4032 – Diversification of Fuels / CEI Hub**

Date: February 12, 2026

Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Watanabe, and Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management and Veterans:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) supports HB 4032 and we strongly urge you to pass this important legislation this year.

COIN is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

This bill's intent is simple and commendable: reduce the amount of fuel stored at the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub along the Willamette River and distribute it to more diverse and more stable sites throughout Oregon. Currently, some 350 MILLION gallons of fuel and other industrial chemicals are stored at the CEI Hub, which is potentially in danger of four types of catastrophes: earthquakes (Cascadia), train derailment, wildfire, and flooding. Any of these could happen at any moment, creating a human and environmental disaster. More than 90 % of our state's fuel supply is stored here and could very well be unavailable in the event of a disaster, precisely when it is most needed.

The CEI Hub is a disaster waiting to happen. Hundreds of millions of gallons of toxic liquids are stored on top of silt fill that would itself liquify in the event of an earthquake. As you consider how to vote on this bill, just try to imagine what such a spill would do to the Columbia River and communities around it. It has the potential to be the largest oil/chemical spill in U.S. history.

This can has been kicked down the road for far too long and the legislature needs to act now to protect our state's fuel resources as well as our people and environment.

Please vote YES on HB 4032 and begin the process of diversifying Oregon's fuel storage for safety and security.

Respectfully,

Deborah Ferrer

On behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)