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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1567

RE: SB 1567 – Support requirement to conduct and implement seismic risk assessments for bulk oil and liquid fuel terminals

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I am writing to express my support for SB 1567, relating to energy infrastructure resilience.

90%+ of Oregon's fuel passes through or is stored at the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub in northwest Portland. There is no debate that the infrastructure in this area (and others like it) is outdated and highly vulnerable to a catastrophic failure during a seismic event which would not only jeopardize nearby communities (of vulnerable populations), but have a devastating environmental impact and potentially cripple recovery efforts across the state.

It is unconscionable to continue to ignore this critical asset both in terms of seismic vulnerability, impact on nearby neighbors when (not if!) an earthquake happens, and to plan a better storage/distribution system in light of an impending earthquake. The plan must not only take into consideration the necessity of this asset in times of disaster, but where those additional storage/distribution facilities are located so as to not unfairly target locations where large numbers of the BIPOC community lives. This is all merely common sense that seems absurd we even have to legislate into existence rather than being seen as "mission critical."