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TO: Senate Energy & Environment Committee

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RE: Support for SB 1567

The American Institute of Architects of Oregon (AIA-Oregon) supports this critically important bill to improve fuel safety and energy security.

As pointed out in the Oregon Resilience Plan, the bulk of Oregon's fuel is stored in the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub in aging, substandard facilities with little oversight. The damage to these facilities would cause an environmental disaster, damage homes and businesses on both sides of the river, and the loss of fuel would delay response and recovery efforts in the entire state. SB 1567 requires bulk fuel terminal operators to conduct seismic vulnerability assessments with DEQ as the regulator to ensure seismic risk mitigation is implemented.

SB 1567 also directs the Department of Energy to develop a state fuel security plan to improve just-in-time delivery systems, spreading fuel storage capacity and distribution throughout the state and providing coordination with Oregon's renewable fuels goals. Creating a resilient energy infrastructure is fundamental to ensuring the health, safety and welfare our communities.

Thank you for consideration of this legislation.

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