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## **NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**TO: Chair Kate Lieber, Vice Chair Lynn Findlay,  
Members of the Energy and Environment Committee**

### **Immediate Action: CEI Hub**

Although the tone of SB 1567 is to treat the known hazards of the North Willamette superfund site as amenable to legislative business as usual, there is nothing routine about operating a Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) terminal downstream from miles of seismically compromised fuel storage terminals.

It takes no imagination to visualize the result of a LNG pressure vessel detonation, from a metallurgical failure for example, when the resulting shock wave is amplified and propagated upstream through the sandy geology and by air shock. You get a surge of flammable fuels from failed tanks entering the LNG accident site. Secondary explosions are a given, as the flame front rushes upriver on released fuels now floating on the surface. You do not need an earthquake to trigger this scenario.

The issue is not how to keep multiple tank sites safe after time-consuming vulnerability assessments conducted by the operators themselves. Those same operators who neglected the individual property and riverfront hazards and allowed the threats to combine and evolve for decades.

Common sense demands that this committee call for an immediate shutdown of LNG pressure vessel storage operations until after the provisions of SB 1567 are completed and reviewed by third party industry experts and then collectively found to be adequately safe.

Documentation of military vulnerabilities always requires protection as Top Secret. Portland's LNG threat to miles of exposed river storage constitute clear and present vulnerabilities to life, infrastructure, and economy. For this reason I demand that this letter not be published for the record, discussed in open session, or otherwise shared openly.

I regard legally binding reliance on the same operators whose negligence led to the urgent necessity for this bill to now defend the interest of public safety as highly questionable.

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