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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Committee Members, I would strongly urge you to support SB1567 as a first step in the right direction with requirements for seismic vulnerability assessments as well as an Energy Security Plan for the CEI Hub. Just today, a new version of the Multnomah County/ECO Northwest report was issued, giving more details about the horrific disaster facing us. We need to move away from fossil fuels, but also have a solid plan in place for moving storage out of the current CEI Hub, thus lowering the catastrophic risk to all Portlanders. Taxpayers should not have to pay the price for irresponsible practices by these companies. In reading the original version of the report, it was very disturbing to me to learn that Zenith had not communicated to regulators about the contents of many of its tanks. How can Portlanders be prepared for a subduction zone earthquake without knowing what is in those tanks? There needs to be significantly more regulation. I also think that the location of the CEI, between Forest Park and the river, is really troubling and the consequences to life and quality of life because of the location are dire. I also urge you to strengthen the bill by making sure companies demonstrate their alignment with state policies around climate protection and environmental justice. Thank you for your time.