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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1567

Honorable Senators:

I believe we all are aware of the Cascadia Subduction zone, and its effect. I hope no one disputes this reality, as it's a when not if question.

Seismic resiliency means different things based upon geographic location in our state. While our population center in the Willamette Valley has major concerns and potential impacts, imagine your self living on the Oregon Coast. Recovery from the effect of a major earthquake, and survivability of our population will be significantly related to the ability to provide food, shelter and basic services (heating depending upon the time of the year would be included). Recovery, and access to other products such as food, in the current state of our transportation system will be related to access to fossil fuels. Clearing of debris to access facilities, emergency generators for hospitals, etc. all currently rely on equipment run by fossil fuels.

In combination with current funding of FEMA, COVID relief, and other current federally available funding sources, now is the time to act on protecting our population from natural hazards. Please join me in support of Senate Bill 1567, and make provisions in this bill to assist in obtaining federal dollars for these facilities, essential to both protection and recovery of our individual communities.

Sincerely;

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