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TO: Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Lewis and Tran, and Committee Members
FROM: Nancy Hiser, Linnton Neighborhood Association, Tank the Tanks

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Testimony in Support of HB 4044 to the House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Lewis and Tran, and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Linnton community, I am expressing our strong support of HB 4044, legislation recommended by the ISS/PSU and Multnomah County report, "Earthquake-induced Hazardous Materials Releases." This is a critical step to require the Oregon DEQ to study risks and issues from to earthquake-induced toxic inhalation hazards.

Linnton residents have a sense of urgency because of the nature of the lethal gases stored in our area which can also spread to other more marginalized communities. Reports have documented old, vulnerable liquid fuel tanks on liquefiable soil, along the Willamette River in a hazardous zone for more than a decade. Now we understand toxic chemicals of local businesses and agencies are also in vulnerable containers on unstable soil, adding to the magnitude of a potential disaster—one that is already predicted to cost billions of dollars and tens of thousands of lives, and impact the entire state.

We support HB 4044 because Oregon must act now in the interest of community life-safety to study these risks and propose effective mitigation of hazardous chemicals based on data and science.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our voices. Please support HB 4044.

Sincerely,
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