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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2151

I urge the committee to vote for HB 2151. Preserves current in- and out-flows related to the Fuel Tank Seismic Stability program (established by SB 1567, 2022) - fees paid by regulated operators flow in; DEQ draws on those fees to cover the costs of FTSS regulation.

Allows for receipt and use of federal monies for fuel-related disaster preparedness and response. Sen. Merkely placed a \$1 million CEI Hub earmark in the 2025 budget bill.

Recognizes that advance preparedness is as important as post-disaster response. Can support preparedness planning by private as well as public sector groups.