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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Thuy Tran, Vice Chairs Rick Lewis, Mari Watanabe and members of the committee.

My name is Adam Logan, I am on the Emergency Preparedness sub-committee under the Oregon Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services (ODHHS) Advisory Committee where I represent Hard of Hearing Oregonians. I regularly attend Accessible Communications for Emergencies (ACE) meetings which Kayla Thompson at OEM hosts as well.

I am writing in support of HB 4044, the current situation of OEM not being able to stockpile, or act in advance of an emergency does not make sense. Empowering OEM to prepare in advance of an emergency is a common-sense move, and what Oregonians expects the Oregon Department of Emergency Management.

As much as OEM encourages citizens to be two weeks ready, the reality is most of us are not. As a member of these emergency committees, I confess to not being fully prepared myself. I have MREs ready in the case of a disaster, but I am hardly 2 weeks ready in many other important aspects such as water for starters.

Passing this bill continues the work in making Oregon better prepared in an emergency. We need teams trained, well coordinated and rehearsed with smaller emergency responses to build up to a level that can sustain and operate in a wide-scale catastrophic emergency.

Respectfully, Adam Logan

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