

Dear Portland City Council President Jamie Dunphy, Members of City Council, Mayor Wilson and City Manager Raymond C. Lee III,

(cc: Governor Tina Kotek, Oregon DEQ Director Leah Feldon, Members of the Oregon Legislature, the Oregon Federal Delegation, the Board of Multnomah County Commissioners and the Metro Council.)

The CEI Hub poses grave dangers to our city, state and region.

Based on the findings of the [DOGAMI Earthquake Risk Study](#), [OSSPAC Hub Mitigation Strategies Report](#), [EcoNW CEI Hub Seismic Risk Analysis](#), [ISS Hazmat Risk Report](#), and others, it is clear that the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub poses serious health, safety, cultural, social justice, economic and environmental risks to every Portland neighborhood and the entire Pacific Northwest region.

We applaud the City's commitment to transitioning away from fossil fuels, but fossil fuels are not the only dangerous fuels stored at the CEI Hub. It has been established that renewable fuels, whether derived from plant or animal products are *as combustible, flammable, or toxic* as fossil fuels. (See [Testimonies](#) from Dr. Richard Plevin-10:17 and Mia Reback-56:00 before City Council February 27, 2025.) Therefore, transitioning to renewable fuels at the CEI Hub will not eliminate the huge risks posed by fuel storage and transport at the Hub.

Public input on decisions regarding our safety and health is vital in mitigating and preventing further damage to the well being of our communities and natural environment.

We, the undersigned Portland Neighborhood Associations and community and faith based organizations therefore support the following:

1. The City adopt a policy that any economic development must not increase the dangers at the CEI Hub.

2. The City of Portland's CEI Hub Policy Project (to amend the Comprehensive Plan and zoning code) should include all types of fuels or materials that are combustible, flammable or toxic to reduce risks at the Hub.
3. The Comprehensive Plan must prohibit new or expanded storage or transport of *any type** of fuels or materials at the CEI Hub that are combustible, flammable, or toxic on soils deemed vulnerable to lateral spread due to liquefaction from earthquake shaking.
4. The Comprehensive Plan must prohibit development at the CEI Hub that would lead Portland to become a national or international export hub for combustible, flammable, or toxic materials.
5. The City work with local and state officials and agencies to develop and fully resource and fund the capacity to respond to emergencies at the CEI Hub.

We are looking to our city government to lead the transition to a safer environment for all of us.

Sincerely,

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**Note:*

- More renewables are needed to provide the same amount of energy as fossil fuels so carbon emission reductions are questionable.
- Tremendous amounts of land are required to grow the feedstock to produce the fuels, taking away land from food production.
- Fossil fuels are used in the production and transport of these “renewable”

fuels.

- The transition to “renewable” fuels impedes the urgent need for safer solutions of solar, wind and energy efficiency.

Signatories:

Alameda Neighborhood Association
Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Association
Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association
Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association
Ashcreek-Crestwood Neighborhood Association
Boise Neighborhood Association
Bridgeton Neighborhood Association
Bridgeton Neighborhood Association Clean and Green Team
Brooklyn Action Corps
Buckman Neighborhood Association
Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association
Downtown Neighborhood Association
East Columbia Neighborhood Association
Foster Powell Neighborhood Association
Grant Park Neighborhood Association
Goose Hollow Neighborhood Association
Hayhurst Neighborhood Association
Hazelwood Neighborhood Association
Hillsdale Neighborhood Association
Hillside Neighborhood Association
Irvington Neighborhood Association
Kenton Neighborhood Association
Kerns Neighborhood Association
Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association
Linnton Neighborhood Association
Lloyd EcoDistrict
Madison Neighborhood Association

Maplewood Neighborhood Association
Multnomah Neighborhood Association
Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
Pearl District Neighborhood Association
Piedmont Neighborhood Association
Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association
Portsmouth Neighborhood Association
Reed Neighborhood Association
Rose City Park Neighborhood Association
Roseway Neighborhood Association
Sauvie Island Community Association
St. John's Neighborhood Association
Skyline Ridge Neighbors
Southeast Uplift, District 3 Coalition
Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association
Sumner Association of Neighbors
Vernon Neighborhood Association
Woodstock Neighborhood Association

350Eugene
350PDX
Alliance for Democracy
Braided River Campaign
Breach Collective
Columbia Riverkeeper
Community for Earth, First Unitarian Portland
Consolidated Indivisible Network
Ecofaith Recovery
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Extinction Rebellion PDX
Firewise Neighborhoods
Linnton

Forest Park-South
Frog Ferry
Havurah Shalom Climate Action Team
Human Access Project
Leaven Community
MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together)
Neighbors for Clean Air
North West Citizen Science Initiative
Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club
Oregon Interfaith Power and Light
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Progressive Party
Portland Clean Air
Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
Portland Harbor Community Coalition
Portland Jobs with Justice
Portland Metro People's Coalition
Social Justice Action Group First Unitarian Portland
Southern Oregon Climate Action Now
St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church
Sunrise Movement PDX
Tank the Tanks
Willamette Riverkeeper