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## Oregon Progressive Party Independent Party of Oregon

### Position on Bills at 2021 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Dear Committee: **SB 193-1: Support**

The Independent Party of Oregon and Oregon Progressive Party support this -1 Amendment to this bill, which would revise Oregon statutes in accordance with recent decisions of the Oregon Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court.

The Oregon Supreme Court in 2020 decided that the cap on noneconomic damages for injuries other than wrongful death violated the remedies clause of the Oregon Constitution. The United States Supreme Court in 2020 declared unconstitutional a state law allowing for criminal convictions by means of less-than-unanimous juries. Oregon is the only state that allows such convictions.

The changes to statutes by SB 193 would bring them in line with these recent court decisions and avoid confusion that may otherwise results.

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