



February 9, 2022

Senate Committee on Judiciary
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 754 Recreational Liability Reform

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of SB 754 which would provide important recreational liability reform.

We are a small business that guides people in Oregon's public lands on overnight river and trail trips. We believe in environmental stewardship through advocacy by experience – that getting people out into wild places and public lands creates advocates that will love and want to protect those places. And that overall rivers and public lands are best protected when a wide range of people know and love them - a mix of more 'outdoorsy' people and those who are not as lucky as some and only get to spend nights under the stars once or twice.

Oregon outfitters also provide rural communities with sustainable long-term jobs and economic benefits through the purchase of food and supplies needed for trips and filling hotels and restaurants with guests. Outdoor adventure travel is an important and sustainable economic engine that disproportionately helps rural areas.

With any outdoor activities there are inherent risks beyond our control. Guests who choose a trips like these understand or are educated about the risk and choose to accept these risks. Liability waivers allow us to warn our guests of these risks and allow them to accept them.

Momentum operates similar trips in Idaho and there is a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability. The current liability situation in Oregon is not balanced and will make it hard to operate adventure trips in the long-term.

I respectfully ask for your support of SB 754.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pete Wallstrom", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Pete Wallstrom
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