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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB754

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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 day & overnight

rafting trips. These trips are important for people to get outside, connect with nature, and leave behind our fast-paced technological world. In addition to providing much needed experiences to the public, our trips financially support rural communities throughout Oregon through purchasing of food and supplies needed for our trips and filling hotels and restaurants with our guests.

Since we are taking people into wild places on adventurous trips there are some risks beyond our control. Our guests who choose a trip like this understand the risk and choose to accept these risks. Our liability waivers allow us to warn our guests of these

risks and allow them to accept them.

We operate similar trips in Idaho where there is a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability. The current liability situation in Oregon will make it nearly impossible or even too expensive to operate adventure trips in the long term affecting small

businesses like mine and the rural communities we operate in.

I respectfully ask for your support of SB 754.

Sincerely,