

February 14, 2023

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

RE: SB 754 Recreational Liability Reform

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

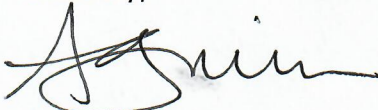
I am the owner of Central Oregon Adventures in Bend, Oregon and have provided snowmobile excursions in the Mt. Bachelor area for over 20 years. As a permitted outfitter and guide, we work with Deschutes County law enforcement, Deschutes National Forest, Search and Rescue and other local organizations to be stewards of the Public Lands and keep the public informed and safe.

Small businesses like ours, as well as ski areas/resorts and other guides and outfitters have become a target for personal injury lawsuits due to Oregon law not supporting our Liability Release Agreements. Over the last 20 years we have seen an increase in insurance costs and have experienced hardships, both financial and emotional due to the current liability laws in place.

Personal injury lawsuits not only affect us as the providers of these activities, but also affect the public by increased operating costs. These higher costs get passed down to the consumer and, in some situations, have shut down businesses. These higher costs make some of these activities no longer affordable to some consumers. This, in turn, effects the tourism industry in our communities which we rely on.

People willingly participating in inherently dangerous activities in a potentially dangerous environment should be held accountable for the decisions they make. We are in support of SB 754 Recreational Liability Reform.

Sincerely,



Amber Greiner  
Central Oregon Adventures Inc.