

Oregon State Snowmobile Association

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Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee:

I am writing to support the Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association and its 24 volunteer clubs represent over 1,400 families. We take care of over 6,000 miles of both improved and unimproved trails for all winter recreationalists. Without recreational immunity we would lose most of our volunteers for fear of being sued.

Public and private lands are much different than the sidewalk in front of your house.

There is an implied danger not only from the land but also from nature. Wild animals, trees and rocks falling etc. This is why it's called "nature". Being out in "nature" has a natural implied risk, and everyone who enjoys nature must also bear that risk or stay at home.

During the last 12 years I have personally spent thousands of volunteer hours helping to maintain snow trails for snowmobiles, cross country skiers, snowshoers and other winter recreationalists. Every winter I spent 1 to 2 days a week operating a snow groomer as a volunteer. Every fall I volunteer to put up informational signs in the forest and every spring I volunteer to take down these signs. During the summer I volunteer to clear the trails from fallen trees.

Without recreational immunity I would not be volunteering for fear of being sued by someone who hurt themselves on the trails that I help maintain.

Please pass SB 1576-3 with language that clearly restores recreational immunity for public and private landowners and clearly applies to both improved and unimproved trails

Respectfully,

TJ Reilly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TJ Reilly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Oregon State Snowmobile Association Vice President