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On Behalf Of: Willamette Pass Resort  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1576

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Wallan, and members of the committee: Willamette Pass Resort owned by Mountain Capital Partners (MCP) encourages the Judiciary Committee to pass SB 1576A. My name is Melinda Ingebretson-Wolowicz, General Manager for Willamette Pass Resort. I have over 20 years of experience at Willamette Pass covering many departments, mostly Ski Patrol. Our mission at Willamette Pass Resort is to give people the freedom to ski. We do this by offering an affordable price and offering a free season pass to all kids 12 and under. We also offer a free lesson to all first-time Skiers and Snowboarders to teach them safety and a love for our industry. Willamette Pass Resort operates on public land under a Special Use Permit issued by the US Forest Service. We need certain levels of predictability when it comes to liability and risk management. The current status in Oregon creates risks that are not present in other states and limits what we can offer compared to those resorts. It is important to provide recreational opportunities for families on public and private land for generations to come. This requires a level of immunity and protection against the inherent risks of outdoor recreation and the lawsuits that have plagued the industry.

Please pass SB 1576A to restore recreational immunity for public and private landowners and to both improved and unimproved trails to keep our community trails open and keep trail improvement projects on track to get families outside together. Thank you for your service to the citizens of Oregon who enjoy wonderful opportunities to recreate in the outdoors.

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