

Dear Representative Rayfield,

My name is Colleen Llewellyn. I live in Corvallis and was born in Eugene. I ask you to please pass SB 1576A to restore recreational immunity for public and private landowners!

My husband, daughter and I have enjoyed the trails and roads developed in our forests for our entire lifetime. We enjoy biking, hiking and running on these trails and roads. We have also enjoyed hiking the trails on the Oregon coast and in the cascade mountains. This access to nature and the outdoors is what we LOVE about Oregon and how we are able to maintain health and peace in our lives. My husband was involved in developing the route for the Corvallis to Sea trail. That trail would NOT have been possible without landowners opening their land to recreational uses.

There is a large community that feel the same about these trails! Each year OSU Research Forests receives 155,000 uses! Each year community members do 4,000 hours of volunteer trail work in OSURF to maintain and improve the local trail system! The outdoor running community funds the organization of this work through a series of trail runs held throughout the year. These runs bring in people from other parts of the state and country. The people and support around this common love for our trails continues to grow every year. We cannot let a few individuals ruin this wonderful asset for the masses. The only way to save this is to restore and improve recreational immunity for public and private landowners!

These trails are a huge asset to the local community, but can only exist if local landowners allow recreation. As landowners have lost the protection of recreational immunity, it is becoming difficult for them to leave their lands open to the public.

Please pass SB1576A to protect landowners so they can continue to allow the public to recreate on their lands.

Thank you Representative Rayfield. I appreciate you listening to the public and representing us.

Kind regards,  
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