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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1576 A, a measure that represents a significant step forward in promoting recreational access.

The expansion of recreational immunity under this measure is a much-needed development that will benefit our communities by encouraging local governments to open more spaces for public use. By including improved paths, trails, roads, and other rights of way used for recreational purposes like walking, running, and bicycling, SB 1576 A addresses a gap in our current legal framework. This expansion not only promotes a healthier lifestyle among Oregonians but also supports the inclusive use of our natural resources. Importantly, the measure's careful limitation of immunity to exclude cases of gross negligence or reckless, wanton, or intentional misconduct ensures accountability and safety in the maintenance and design of recreational facilities.

The measure's thoughtful approach to expanding recreational immunity demonstrates a commitment to the health, safety, and privacy of our community members. I urge the committee to support this bill and look forward to seeing the positive impacts it will have on our state.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Christine Sefkin