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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small  
Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3140

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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE

Room 453

Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 3140 Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency

Chair Nguyen and Members of the Committee:

Outdoor recreation is important to me because it allows me to engage in nature. I feel fresh, vital and alive when I'm outdoors. I enjoy the solitude and peace one can experience and I like to share it with friends. It's an important part of my life.

I belong to a cross-country ski club, the Oregon Nordic Club. Our club is all-volunteer and a non-profit. I am not speaking on their behalf, but as a member and as one who has helped organize activities. We arrange outdoor adventures throughout Oregon and beyond. Our organizers take on a lot of responsibility. Without protections from the threat of liability, I doubt many of us could/would take on such personal responsibility.

Keeping the outdoors open is vital not only on a personal level, it just makes good economic sense. It provides job opportunities and for businesses small and large to operate. It's an important part of the Oregon economy. Without the protections of HB 3140, lawsuits like Fields v City of Newport could ruin things for us all.

Please help pass HB 3140. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Richard Crimi  
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