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Dear Chair Pozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher and members of the committee,

My name is Zane Wheeler, and I have managed an Outdoor Recreation program for the City of Eugene for 14 years. Currently my focus is on getting and keeping older adults and seniors active through outdoor activities including hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking and rafting. Our older population continues to grow at an unforeseen rate and new folks are moving to town every day. Oregon's outdoor recreation opportunities are a big driver in retirement relocations from other parts of the country.

Our trails must remain open and accessible for all Oregon citizens. The social, mental, physical and economics of outdoor recreation are an important part of daily life for many and huge part of what makes Oregon the greatest state in the country.

Please help us to continue enriching the lives of Eugene and Oregon residents by extending the increased level of immunity in Section 1 of the bill to private landowners who open their land to the public free of charge.

Sincerely,

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