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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB179

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of SB 179 to provide recreational immunity protections that will keep Oregon's trails open.

I urge the committee to extend the increased level of immunity in Section 1 of the bill to private landowners who open their land to the public free of charge.

Further, language should clarify more strongly that trails that serve dual purpose as both recreation and transportation facilities are covered under the law and address the problem of subjective intent.

The bill should include broader language like "conveyance" rather than the specific trail activities like walking, biking, and running currently spelled out in the "includes but is not limited to" recreational activities list.

I am an avid hiker on trails across our beautiful state from the Oregon coast to the canyons of the Owyhee and thank you for your support,

Peter Kokopeli