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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB179

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

My name is Jessy Fabrizio-Stover and I work in tourism, supporting community-leg efforts to bring visitors into our community to support our local businesses and promote economic growth. Oregon's outdoor recreation is a big part of our identity as a community and destination. Keeping trails open statewide is vital to not only community livability as a reported 95% of Oregonians participate in recreation annually, but the health of our visitor economy with half of all visitors participating in outdoor recreation on their trips. The loss of recreational immunity impacts who we are as a state. It also puts us behind most other states in the country who continue to uphold recreational immunity. I wholeheartedly support passing recreational immunity protections to keep Oregon's trails open for all.

My suggestions to improve the bill as currently written include:

- 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
- Clarify more strongly that trails that serve dual purpose as both recreation and transportation facilities are covered under the law; address the problem of subjective intent
- 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

Thank you for your time and consideration.