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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB179

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

I support this bill to permanently instate a strong recreational immunity law via SB179.

My name is Amy Wilson, and my Husband Shane and I run a consultancy which provides recreation design and planning services to our clients. These clients include, The US Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and various agencies and organizations within the State of Oregon. As a recreation planner, my business relies on the stability that strong recreation immunity laws create. Without this legal protection it is likely too risky for landowners to provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public. This locks up access to much of the beauty of Oregon and lays a chilling effect upon agencies, municipalities, and other organizations who work to connect Oregon communities across a patchwork of complex ownership with the green and open spaces beyond.

Please vote YES and work to add the following amendments:

- 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 support of this important legislation!

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