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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Lisa Cohen. I live in Sisters in Deschutes County and am an avid trail user as an equestrian, hiker, and biker. I also serve on the board of the Sisters Trails Alliance.

The bill as currently written importantly removes the sunset from the current law. This is critical! But the bill could be even better. Please consider the following adjustments:

1. 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
2. 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
3. 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 consideration.