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Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 179 Pass a lasting fix to recreational immunity

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Oceanside Action Partnership, Inc, an Oregon 501(c)(3) community coalition supporting the community of Oceanside, we would like to submit our request for your help and support of SB179.

This community collaborative consists of its citizens, public county elected officials and staff, Special Districts, Not for Profit organizations, commercial enterprises, and First Nations People. Within our Community Investment Plan we have identified "Trails" as a top community priority. Our local trails are critical in connecting our neighborhoods for safety, tourism, and maintaining our quality of life.

We support establishing a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability like all other Western states. In addition we would like to see further amendments be established 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. We would like to see greater clarity showing trails that serve dual purpose as both recreation and transportation facilities are covered under the law; address the problem of subjective intent. Please consider 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.

Our trails keep our community active and connected. They are critical in preventing people from becoming isolated. They offer critical evacuation routes in times of emergency. They offer quicker access to response times for our fire and medical teams. The trails connect us to access, residents and visitors, the scenic beauty that has drawn us here. Thank you for your help and prioritizing this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Bruce Jaeger, President

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