

February 19, 2025

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

As a board member of the 40 Mile Loop Land Trust, a non-profit entity that advocates for trails in the Portland metropolitan region, I wish to express our organization's support for SB 179.

SB 179 provides an enduring form of liability protection for public and private land owners who allow access over their land in the form of recreational trails. This protection is absolutely essential for the people of our state who wish to access parks, open spaces, and beaches for recreational purposes. If liability protection is not provided, recreation opportunities will be withdrawn from both public and private lands, resulting in an enormous loss of recreational opportunities for Oregon citizens and visitors.

Respectfully,

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