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Rock Haven Climbing Gym has been open for two and half years and our gym has become a community hub and resource to Gresham and neighboring cities. In that time, one insurer stopped providing insurance to climbing gyms, and a second company raised our rates 15% in a single year, even though we've never had a claim. Insurance is already one of the bigger costs to our family-run business. We focus heavily on meeting best practices for gym operations, including new customer orientation and education, so that climbers can make informed decisions about the risks they choose to take. However, waiver laws in Oregon are a big concern, because as they are written currently, they make it challenging to clearly define our climber's responsibility in making the decisions necessary to participate in climbing. We want to see a sustainable system in place so that businesses like ours can continue to provide access to indoor climbing.