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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB179

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

My name is Kim Smith and I live in Multnomah Village, in SW Portland. I love walking and exploring our beautiful region. A wonderful resource that helps me exercise and enjoy nature is our trail system across the state.

To help promote nature and the healthy benefits of hiking, I ask that you please support SB 179. Keeping trails open is important for so many of us in our community. Hopefully you are planning to offer lasting recreational immunity protections to keep Oregon's trails open.

Surely, you know that access to nature and outdoor recreation provides many benefits to individuals and communities. However, recreating in constantly changing outdoor environments also carries possible risk of injury. Without recreational immunity, landowners fear the real risk of expensive lawsuits and cannot afford to keep their trails and lands open to the public.

So, please do your best to pass SB 179. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
Kim Smith