

Submitter: Tyler Brooks

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB179

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

My name is Tyler Brooks and I am a resident of La Grande, Oregon. I strongly support you passing lasting protections to recreational immunity via bill SB 179. Outdoor recreation is at the heart of many communities in Oregon, including some of our largest tax bases. Outdoor recreation is extremely important to the vitality of Union County, as that is the main driver of tourism in our area. Without access to lands, many of our local communities will suffer. Recreational immunity and stronger waiver rights are common sense solutions to real problems facing public and private landowners in Oregon.

I also strongly urge your committee to increase the level of immunity in section 1 to private land owners opening their properties to the public for recreation and to better clarify that trails serve a dual purpose for recreation and transportation.

Thank you for your commitment to the State of Oregon and to our citizens.

Sincerely, Tyler Brooks