

TO: House Committee On Judiciary
Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallen, and members of the Committee

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I'd like to go on record in support of SB 179. It is critical to provide immunity for both public and private land owners who provide public access for trail users. This is how trail systems have worked for many years, and public trails are critical infrastructure for recreation and transportation use.

Specifically, I ask that you 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.

I also ask that the bill clarify that trails that serve dual purpose as both recreation and transportation facilities are covered under the law.

Thank you.