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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1196

Dear Senators,

I would like to express my support for SB 1196-1.

I am a volunteer and an instructor for one of the nation's oldest mountaineering organizations - The Mazamas: <https://mazamas.org/>

The organization is an education non-profit that offers high-quality outdoor education and a variety of outdoor activities for every skill and fitness level.

In the current year, the insurance expenses of the organization went over the roof, with the previous insurer dropping us without any explanation.

It is my belief that recent frivolous lawsuits against recreation organizations and Oregon towns (who might have thought that one can slip on a wet trail?!), and court decisions nullified enforceability of liability waivers, driving the insurance costs up. This drives recreation organizations out of business, and disproportionately affects local businesses, outfitters, guides, non-profits, and other smaller organizations with limited means.

I urge you to vote this bill into a law.

Thanks,  
Sergey Kiselev