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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1196

Dear Chair Meek and Members of the Committee,

Outdoor recreation is important to me because it allows me to engage in nature. I feel fresh, vital and alive when I'm outdoors. I enjoy the solitude and peace one can experience and I like to share it with friends. It's an important part of my life.

I belong to a cross-country ski club, the Oregon Nordic Club. Our club is all-volunteer and a non-profit. I am not speaking on their behalf, but as a member and as one who has helped organize activities. We arrange outdoor adventures throughout Oregon and beyond. Our organizers take on a lot of responsibility. Without protections from the threat of liability, I doubt many of us could/would take on such personal responsibility.

Keeping the outdoors open is vital not only on a personal level, it just makes good economic sense. It provides job opportunities and for businesses small and large to operate. It's an important part of the Oregon economy. Without the protections of SB 1196-1, lawsuits like Fields v City of Newport could ruin things for us all.

Please help pass SB 1196-1. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Richard Crimi