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I am an Oregonian worried about the future of organized recreation and fitness opportunities across the state if we do not address liability waiver reform.

For the non-profit organization I work for, liability uncertainty threatens two pillars of our mission – stewardship of natural areas and river trip experiences. We believe that one of the best ways for our community to connect to nature is to get outside and enjoy the river that flows right through our backyard! Facilitating vegetation restoration and on-the-water experiences creates opportunities for new experiences, empowers environmental stewardship, and develops community interest in our work. SB 1196-1 ensures our recreation and restoration programs will remain affordable, accessible, and legally sustainable across the watershed.