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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1196

Subject: Please Act Now to Pass SB 1196 and Protect Oregon's Outdoor Recreation Industry

As a mom of a passionate teen ski racer and a supporter of Oregon's outdoor recreation economy, I'm writing to urge your support for Senate Bill 1196 before the legislative session ends on June 29, 2025. This critical bill would provide much-needed legal protections to outdoor recreation providers, including Oregon's ski resorts—many of which are currently at risk of losing their liability insurance.

Without this protection, ski areas that support youth racing, local jobs, and year-round tourism—such as Timberline—may be forced to shut down or scale back operations due to lack of insurance coverage. Oregon courts' refusal to uphold standard liability waivers has caused insurers to exit the market, leaving resorts and recreation providers in an impossible position.

This is not a hypothetical concern—some resorts have already lost their coverage, and more are likely to follow unless action is taken immediately. The ripple effect would be devastating: our youth ski league could be forced to cancel its 2025-26 season, and countless families, small businesses, and outdoor workers across the state would be impacted.

Please don't let Oregon's outdoor recreation economy—and the thousands of families and youth it supports—become a casualty of inaction. I respectfully urge you to vote YES on SB 1196 before the end of this month.

Thank you for your time and service to our state.