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Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

To: Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Brady Johnson, and I own Sky Lakes Wilderness Adventures, a small guiding and outdoor recreation business based in Southern Oregon. I am writing in strong support of the Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026, ORCA SB 1593.

I am also an Army veteran and a family man, and both of those roles shape why this work matters to me. My business helps support my family and neighbors. We get people outdoors and show them what makes Oregon special. When folks come on our trips, they're not just passing through; they're helping small towns like mine keep going.

Guides like me are being squeezed by higher insurance premiums and increased legal risks. Without solid liability waivers, it's hard to run a business here. Our costs keep rising, and we end up raising prices, which excludes some people. There is also a real concern that some of us may not be able to secure coverage at all if nothing changes.

SB 1593 is a simple, fair solution. Other Western states already have these waivers in place, and Oregon did too. Passing this just gets us back on the same page as our neighbors and the feds. That consistency helps keep small outdoor businesses running. This is the most important piece of the conversation.

Thank you for your effort and for your work supporting this legislation. I respect your leadership on SB 1593, and I look forward to continuing to bring more people outside to enjoy everything Oregon has to offer.

Respectfully,

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