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I'm not usually politically active, but the issues that the recreational industry is facing in Oregon driven by the misguided application of limited liability laws in outdoor recreation hits home for me. I'm an avid skier and am just now getting my 8 and 6 year old children into the sport. I always thought that slowing down my skiing to teach my children would be a chore and mean I need to sacrifice some of my love for the sport. Boy was I wrong!

There is not a thing in this world I enjoy more than a day on the slopes with my children. We are outside, being physically active, there are no screens and we have constant connection and conversation on the chairlift. It's the best!! And after 2 years of skiing I don't have to wait for them anymore. They are on my tail!

It pains and scares me to read articles like the one below that detail how a misguided application of limited liability laws by the Oregon Supreme Court and inaction by our legislature have put one of the greatest passions shared by myself and my children at risk.

<https://snowbrains.com/inside-the-liability-insurance-crisis-pushing-oregon-ski-areas-to-the-brink/>

And as hard as it is to write it, I know that every time I go onto the slopes that I and my children are taking a risk. It can be mitigated with prudent skiing, but never eliminated. And I know that and accept that there is an inherent risk to the activity I choose. It's common sense!

Please don't let the injury lawyers ruin one of our great American past times. Please help to catch Oregon up to the standard limited liability laws that 49 other states readily adopt and push through the SB 1593 ORCA legislation in this February session so we can return common sense to our outdoor recreation industry in Oregon and protect access to this natural jewel our state is lucky enough to have for my children and our future generations.