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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government
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Topic:

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee,

I am writing on behalf of Oregon Equestrian Trails, an all-volunteer nonprofit whose members maintain trails on public lands. We urge you to support SB 1593.

We are glad that this important legislation is getting the hearing it deserves. The bill provides a balanced approach to recreational liability waivers—one that enables our organization to continue providing Oregonians with safe, enjoyable outdoor experiences while still protecting the public from gross negligence.

Without this legislation, our organization and its members are exposed to unnecessary liability risks for issues and conditions beyond our control. We urge you to support SB 1593 and to provide Oregon's stewardship nonprofits, outfitters, and other outdoor recreation providers with the same liability protection as similar organizations in other western states.

Sincerely,

Kim McCarrel
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