



To: Chairman Meek, Vice Chair Drazen and members of the committee

From: Tate Metcalf, owner and manager of the Sisters Athletic Club

RE: Support for SB1593

Date: February 9, 2026

I am writing in support of SB1593. As a small business owner of a health club in Sisters, I have seen my insurance rates rise drastically even though I have never had a claim. I have even been told by a major national insurance company that they “no longer will cover gyms in Oregon” due to the current lopsided non-business friendly environment related to liability waivers.

As the sixth largest employer in Sisters, I can no longer absorb these costs and the viability of my business is on the precipice if Oregon does not level out the liability waiver imbalance. There are less and less insurance providers willing to cover us and those that are have dramatically raising rates. If small businesses are the “backbone of Oregon’s economy” then I am hopeful the legislature will support businesses like mine that are crucial to our community.

I urge you to vote Yes on SB1593

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tate Metcalf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping line extending across the page.

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