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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

Subject: Support for Amendment to SB 1593 to include Youth Waivers

Thank you members of the Senate Commerce and General Government Committee for hearing SB 1593 to update Oregon laws for a more balanced approach to recreational liability waivers. Let's keep Oregon's recreation economy viable by limiting the cost of liability insurance. When people engage in outdoor sports and recreation, there is some inherent risk and everyone involved knows this. Take responsibility for yourselves and your own safety! Keep Oregon a place where people can enjoy fulfilling experiences in the outdoors - don't make it so only the very wealthy can afford these opportunities or we put our operators out of business.

Also, please amend the bill to include parent signature on behalf of a minor. My family puts great value on recreating in the outdoors and participating in stewardship activities together. These family experiences create wonderful memories and family bonds.

I hope the committee will pass SB 1593 with an amendment to include parents and legal guardians signing on behalf of minors participating in recreation and stewardship activities.