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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

Dear Chair Bowman and members of the committee,

As a property owner in Government Camp and as an active members of recreational organizations (Oregon Nordic Club and Cascade Prime Timers) I have valued enjoying Oregon's hiking trails and ski areas. I am very concerned that Oregon's current liability laws will continue to limit these opportunities and likely eliminate access for future generations. Only by aligning our laws with other states will Oregon's recreational and stewardship providers be able to operate and will Oregon continue to be a recreational destination for tourists from around the world.

In its current form SB1517A WILL NOT address much needed changes because it does not cover stewardship activities and puts ski areas in even greater risk . While I prefer the wording in SB 1593A, ADDING AMENDMENTS -A 11 or -A15 will enable the SB1517A to provide the liability protections organizations need.

Thank you for your thoughtful leadership of this critical issue. The recreational community has been working on this for several years so PLEASE TAKE ACTION during this Short Session on this critical issues. Gratefully...Kate McPherson