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Subject: Oppose SB 1517A as Passed — Support A11 or A15 Amendments

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Amber Greiner, and I am the owner of a small, Oregon-based outdoor recreation company. I am writing to oppose SB 1517A as passed by the Senate, and to urge your support for the -A11 or -A15 amendments as the bill moves forward.

As recreation providers, land stewards, and community partners, we rely on clear and functional recreational liability protections to continue offering safe, affordable access to outdoor activities that support the health, well-being, and economy of Oregonians. The current legal uncertainty has already driven insurance costs to unsustainable levels and threatens the viability of small businesses, nonprofits, and stewardship organizations across the state.

Throughout this session, we have consistently supported the policy language in SB 1593A because it provided a workable, balanced solution that aligned Oregon's laws with those of other states. SB 1517A as passed by the Senate with the -7 amendment does not accomplish those goals. It fails to provide greater certainty, does not meaningfully reduce insurance costs, and excludes stewardship activities while carving out numerous exceptions that leave organizations at even greater risk than the already untenable status quo.

For many of us, this is not a theoretical policy debate. This legislation directly affects whether we can continue operating, employing Oregonians, serving visitors, and providing access to outdoor recreation that is foundational to Oregon's identity and economy.

We could support moving SB 1517A forward if amended with either the -A11 or -A15 amendments. The -A11 amendment includes the liability clarity we have been asking for all along. While not ideal, we are also willing to accept the broader applicability of the -A15 amendment as a good-faith compromise if that is the path the Legislature chooses.

We are asking you to listen to the voices of those who live this reality every day and to advance amendments that actually solve the problem before us. Oregon's recreation providers, nonprofits, and volunteers cannot withstand another year of uncertainty.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and leadership.

Respectfully,

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