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Attn: Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazen, and Members of the Committee
Subject: **Opposition to current version of SB 1517**

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Tamara Mautner, and my family has operated **Garibaldi Charters** for 26 years—my parents for 13 years, and my husband and I for the past 13. We are a long-standing part of the coastal economy, providing jobs and support to our local community.

When we took over the business in 2013, we paid roughly **\$10,000 per year** to insure two charter vessels. In **2025**, that cost reached **\$25,000**, and it continues to rise every year. These increases are unsustainable for small, family-run charter operations like ours.

Without a fix to Oregon's recreation liability environment, operators will struggle to secure affordable insurance, threatening businesses, jobs, and the broader economic activity that charter companies bring into coastal towns. For these reasons, we strongly supported SB 1593.

SB 1517 was touted as an alternative, but as written, falls woefully short. Since AB 1593 is unlikely to move forward, we feel that we could support the version SB 1517-A11, as it has much of the same language of 1593 and will allow our charter fishing business to utilize an enforceable liability waiver. It is very important that the language of the bill remains clear and simple, allows businesses to protect themselves against ordinary negligence, does not create loopholes, and encompasses all types of recreation businesses found in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tamara Mautner, Owner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tamara Mautner'.

Garibaldi Charters
Garibaldi, Oregon