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On Behalf Of:

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I am an Oregon physician, voter, and community member. I rely on outdoor recreation to decompress after busy weeks at work and reconnect with my body while being out on the trails. The beauty and wonder of Oregon are some of the reasons I moved here. Trail stewardship is a crucial component of being able to enjoy the outdoors.

I ask you to move SB 1517 forward only with the -A11 or -A15 amendments. These amendments balance liability protections for conservation and stewardship organizations while preserving accountability for negligence or intentional misconduct.

We all need safe access to the outdoors and also individual responsibility. But keeping the trails clean and maintained is in every Oregonian's best interest.

Thank you

-Neel Patel, MD