

Dear Governor Kotek, Senator Wagner, Senator Jama, Speaker Fahey, and Representative Bowman,

My name is Kent Krumpschmidt, and I am writing on behalf of **Scenic Adventures PNW LLC**, doing business as **Sasquatch Shuttle** and **Sasquatch Adventures**, an outdoor recreation and transportation provider serving the Columbia River Gorge and communities throughout Oregon.

I am writing to express serious concern with **SB1517 as currently written**. In its present form, SB1517 would make an already unsustainable situation worse for outfitters, guides, and recreation providers across Oregon. The current liability environment is already driving up insurance costs, limiting availability, and placing small businesses at significant risk. SB1517, without meaningful changes, does not solve these problems and would further destabilize our industry.

If SB1517 is to move forward, it is critical that the **-A11 amendments be fully considered and adopted**. Without these amendments, the bill will not address the core issues facing outdoor recreation providers and will continue to leave businesses exposed to unmanageable risk.

It is important to emphasize that **SB1517, as written, does not have the support of the very groups it is intended to help**. Outfitters, guides, recreation providers, youth programs, and environmental organizations across Oregon are aligned in their concerns. We are not large corporations or special interests—we are small business owners, operators, and community partners working every day to provide safe, structured access to Oregon's outdoors.

At the same time, we strongly support **SB1593 as the most effective and balanced path forward**. SB1593 reflects a well-tested framework used in neighboring states and previously in Oregon that:

- Recognizes that **outdoor recreation carries inherent risks**, even when providers follow best practices
- Allows participants to **knowingly accept those risks through enforceable waivers**
- Preserves the ability for legitimate claims of negligence to proceed

This is not about eliminating accountability. It is about restoring a **fair and predictable legal framework** that allows small businesses to operate, obtain insurance, and continue serving the public.

Without meaningful reform—either through **passing SB1593 or significantly amending SB1517 with the -A11 amendments**—Oregon risks losing its outdoor recreation providers. Insurance costs will continue to rise, coverage will become increasingly difficult to obtain, and businesses will be forced to close or raise prices to levels that limit access to only the most affluent visitors.

We are proud to provide safe, responsible access to Oregon's outdoors and to support the state's tourism economy. We simply need a legal environment that allows us to continue doing so.

We respectfully urge you to **support SB1593 or ensure that SB1517 is amended through adoption of the -A11 amendments before moving forward.**

Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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