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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

Dear Chair Bowman and Committee: I oppose SB 1517A as written, but would support amendments -A 11 and/or -A 15 Amendments if it would be a reasonable compromise to have this bill move forward. The recreation industry in this State needs your help at the legislative level, because at the cost of insurance level that we are now seeing it is going to be unsustainable and the industry not insurable. Rafting down the Rogue, Charter fishing off the Coast, Wind surfing in the Gorge, Climbing the Mountains and also to include all of the indoor recreational pursuits we have for our enjoyment are simply at some risk. Prices and closures reflect that. I have owned a Gym on the West Portland area for the past 49 years, there certainly is a reasonable assumption of risk when one uses our Pools, Courts, Weight rooms, etc. We would not expect protection from gross negligence of course and we train, inspect, certify, license, repair, etc. to make sure as much as possible that we have a safe environment.

We count on you as our legislators to come up with a reasonable solution(SB 1593 is also one that I support if that is still a possibility) as mentioned in the first sentence. Who is opposing this bill?? All other Western States as I understand have reasonably written liability Waiver laws, why can't Oregon? We do not need a new law that has a whole list of exceptions, just the definition of the those exceptions will cause a lot of legal wrangling. Make it simple and straight forward. This matter has been in the News long enough, please make it reasonable for Oregonians to participate and the Providers of these opportunities provide. Thankyou for you help.