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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

I am a Trailskeeper of Oregon (TKO) volunteer--hoping this year to reach my 200nd workparty. I also work as a volunteer with C2C (Corvallis to Ocean Trail), Save Oregon Dunes, and Yachats Trail crews.

I have also hiked the entire length of the Oregon Coast Trail six times in the 10 years I have lived in Oregon.

As a supporter of outdoor stewardship and recreation, I urge you to move SB 1517 forward only with the -A11 or -A15 amendments.

These amendments would provide balanced liability protections for conservation and stewardship organizations while preserving accountability for gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Oregon nonprofits and volunteer leaders need clear and workable protections so we can continue maintaining trails and expanding safe access to the outdoors.