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The Honorable Tobias Reed, Chair, and Members
House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development,
Oregon House of Representatives

RE: HB 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in lieu of my personal testimony in support of HB 2016. I am an owner of a 300 acre parcel of land ten miles NW of Salem (Weidner/Boquist). On this property is a registered Oregon private landing strip. In addition, there is hunting, wood cutting, birding, hiking, viewing, horse-back riding, and other activities available on this property that non-owners may wish to avail themselves.

Thus, HB 2016 applies to me. I support this legislative thinking and ask that you use your committee to further the bill into law.

I list some thoughts that influence my posture on this bill:

- I have denied members of the public to use my grass landing strip because of doubt about my liability.
- I have concerns about my liability in general which has made me deny access to my property for other than aviation purposes. The recreational aviation provision would complete my protection. I believe I would be more generous with my property for all purposes knowing that it was 100% covered by this law.
- Regarding the liability language of the existing law...I am "probably" covered in the use of my registered landing strip, but having the certainty of the language of HB 2016 would be comforting. It would also be in concert with the intent and scope of the present law.
- I do realize that this appears to limit the potential law suit volume of aggrieved claimants against me for adverse things that occur on my property while aviating non-owners are there.
- The only people who care about that are the attorneys, for their own self-interest. I would suggest that the attorneys go after adversaries with money, which would not be me. Most aircraft owners have their own insurance, valid for anywhere their accident occurs.
- I admire this legislation for trying to bring people together in a non-adversarial posture.
- As a victim of Measure 49 to the amount of millions, it would be nice to see legislation that reduces my liability a teeny bit and allows me to share my property with less bitterness and more good will.

I will end my comments here. This bill seems to add to the existing public policy in a positive way. I support it heartily!

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