Submitter: Jenny Schlanser

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure: SB1576

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee:

I would like to express my wholehearted support for -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576. Although I live in a part of Oregon with very few recreational trails, my family and I enjoy travelling across the state and exploring the diverse communities and environments accessible by trail. My daughter is a Girl Scout and my son is in an environmental school, both of them need open trail space to earn badges or to volunteer for their community service hours. As a family, we birdwatch and have learned about local plants, we've run into stinging nettles and gotten muddy along the coasts, and we've taken fabulous family photos that document how we've grown and changed. All of this could be lost if communities close down their open spaces. I cannot even imagine the detriment to our state's famed love of the outdoors if we cannot restore recreational immunity to public and private landowners for both improved and unimproved trails.

Thank you so much for your leadership and consideration in this matter, Jenny Schlanser