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My husband, Wayne Dassinger, and I are in support of SB 1576. Having access to trails is important because it promotes physical and mental well-being. We have hiked on many trails across Oregon, including some that may not have been in optimal condition. We accepted the risks and took precautions to ensure our own safety, sometimes even turning back because it was beyond our abilities. Being outdoors has inherent risks and individuals should take some responsibility for their own actions in regards to being on public or private lands. It would be cumbersome to have to sign a physical waiver each time we set foot on a trail for recreational use. We are in our second year of working with Trail-keepers of Oregon learning how to build and maintain trails. We are passionate about providing access to safe trails and expanding the trail system in Oregon.