

Submitter: Craig Child
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

To all concerned,

As residents in the southern portion of Oceanside, my neighbors and I rely on the "Tire Trail" to access the northern (main) portion of our village. This is the only trail that allows us to access the beach, one of our primary recreational activities. Unfortunately, the recent judicial decision, and resulting uncertainty, in the Fields v. City of Newport case has resulted in the closure of this critical trail. Without the Tire Trail our only means of accessing the village and our beaches is to travel OR 131, which has no footpath and is dangerous to pedestrians. Cars are a less-preferred second option, but this places strain on the limited parking options in the village and affects tourism which is important to the community. I support SB 1576, and respectfully ask this legislature to enact the amendments to preserve the recreational immunity protection enjoyed prior to the above referenced case.

Thank you,
Craig Child
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