



Salem Composite Mountain Bike Team

To: Senate Judiciary Committee, Oregon Legislature

From: Robyn Saunders Wilson, Team Director, Salem Composite Descenders MTB Team

Re: Support for SB 1576-3, Recreational Immunity Fix.

Date: Monday, February 12, 2024

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

The Salem Composite Mountain Bike team is a member of the Oregon League, the state chapter of National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). Our team, now in its seventh year, is composed of fifty middle and high school student-athletes, twenty coaches, and countless volunteers. In coordination with more than twenty other teams *across* the state, our team is committed to fun, inclusivity, equity, respect, and community. You can learn more about our league here: www.oregonmtb.org/about-the-league and more specifically about our team here: www.scdescenders.com.

To put those commitments into action, we rely heavily upon improved and unimproved paths and trails not only in Salem, but also managed by cities, counties, and nonprofits for our student-athletes to train, race, grow, learn, and build friendships that last a lifetime. In 2023, our race series and adventure rides were hosted in Alesia, Newport, Oakridge, Prineville, Klamath Falls, Madras, Silver Falls, and West Fir.

On behalf of our students, coaches, volunteers, and sponsors, we support SB 1576 with the dash-three amendments to restore and improve access to trails and paths in communities all across Oregon.

Thank you for your time.

With respect,

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