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

Title line: Support for -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576

My name is Miranda Plagge and I am submitting this testimony in support of the -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576 on behalf of Curry County and Travel Curry Coast based on the southern Oregon coast. Our organization is deeply invested in promoting outdoor recreation opportunities and preserving access to trails for the community.

Trails play a vital role in our community, providing opportunities for families to connect with nature, individuals to engage in physical activity, and outdoor enthusiasts to explore the beauty of the southern Oregon coast. These trails are not just paths through the wilderness; they are the arteries that connect us to the natural world and to each other.

However, the current uncertainty surrounding recreational immunity poses a significant threat to the future of these trails. Landowners, both public and private, are understandably hesitant to open their properties to recreational use due to concerns about liability. Without the protection afforded by recreational immunity, the maintenance and expansion of our trail systems are at risk.

That is why it is imperative that SB 1576-3 be passed with language that clearly restores recreational immunity for public and private landowners and applies to both improved and unimproved trails. By providing clear legal protections, we can ensure that landowners feel confident in allowing recreational use of their properties, thus safeguarding access to trails for generations to come.

I urge you to consider the importance of trails to our community and to support the -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576. Your leadership on this issue is crucial in preserving our outdoor recreation opportunities and protecting the natural beauty of the southern Oregon coast.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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