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**House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade**

Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE  
Room 453  
Salem, Oregon 97301

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Chair Nguyen and Members of the Committee:

Re: HB 3140 Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Grande Ronde Gravity, I am reaching out to express our support for HB3140. As part of our mission to expand opportunities for downhill mountain biking and bmx in Eastern Oregon, we organize group rides, races, and other community events. Current laws make this frankly quite risky for a small non-profit like ours due to the inherent risks in mountain biking and bmx.

Updating Oregon waiver and liability law so that willing participants in these sports assume those inherent risks would help us continue getting more people on bikes, which we believe in the long term will improve the health and well being of our rural community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.

With gratitude,  
Nicole Howard  
Secretary