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I am writing to express my deep concern about the current state of liability affecting outdoor recreation providers in Oregon. As an avid skier and active member of the Mt. Hood community, I have seen firsthand how increasing liability pressures are affecting ski areas, volunteer organizations, and countless community groups. These challenges are already reducing opportunities for Oregonians to safely enjoy the outdoor spaces we all value.

I understand that SB1517 is scheduled for a public hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 4, 2026. I strongly oppose SB1517 because it disregards a decade of broad public support for comprehensive, all-inclusive waiver reform. By protecting only a narrow category of operations, SB1517 leaves many other recreation providers—including my own non-ski-based operation—unnecessarily exposed to liability risk. This selective approach undermines the shared outdoor culture that Oregon depends on.

I urge you instead to support SB1593 and HB4071. These bills represent meaningful, balanced steps toward improving the liability landscape for *all* Oregonians who participate in or provide outdoor recreation. They offer a fair and inclusive framework that strengthens the entire community rather than carving out protections for only a small subset of operators.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to oppose SB1517 and support SB1593/HB4071. Oregon's outdoor recreation community is strongest when all participants—large and small, ski-based and non-ski-based—are treated equitably under the law.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Ms. Brunette