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Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

I am a proud resident of Wallowa County in rural eastern Oregon. I work as an outdoor guide on multi-day river trips throughout Oregon. And, serve as the Assistant Project Coordinator for the Joseph Branch Trail Consortium, a small non-profit building a multi-modal trail alongside an existing railway in Wallowa and Union counties.

I am writing in support of SB 1593 with an amendment to include youth waivers signed by a parent or guardian. SB 1593's proposed changes to Oregon's waiver enforceability would reduce costs, create greater certainty for small organizations like mine, and protect access and opportunity for outdoor recreation lovers and stewardship volunteers alike.

As a young professional in the outdoor recreation and outfitting fields, current Oregon recreational waiver laws put myself, my employers and my entire community at great personal and financial risk. I love to guide - there is no greater joy than sharing Oregon's wild rivers with my clients and their families. I love my work to expand access to multi-modal transportation - it will benefit my community for generations to come. Our great state's current liability waiver enforceability makes Oregon the HARDEST place to do what I love.

Please support SB 1593 with an amendment to include youth waivers signed by a parent or guardian. Oregon's \$8.4 Billion Outdoor Recreation industry needs these protections now.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Respectfully,

Rita McCreesh

