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This one seems obvious, elected officials. Oregon has a major opportunity to remain in a position as a premier provider of outdoor experiences. It makes no sense that we would not require those participating in these activities to assume significant liability for the inherent risks. Further, our current situation is out of step with adjacent states. Frankly, an outfitter would be foolish to open a business in Oregon when the laws are so much more favorable and reasonable in adjacent states. Given the headwinds, we faced from an economic perspective, this seems ludicrous to not advance. We need more reasonable positioning when it comes to balancing risk and liability. Please do the right thing in supporting the outdoor industry and all those who want to enjoy it with reasonable expectations around risk.