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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

To Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan and Members of the Committee On Commerce and General Government,

Testimony in Support of SB 1593

Portland Rock Gym celebrated its 38th anniversary last night, February 5th. Gary Rall has owned and operated this small family business since it opened. For 38 years Portland Rock Gym has served the climbing community. Thousands of people have come through the doors to climb, work out or do yoga. The gym hosts national level climbing competitions attracting visitors from all over the country. Over the years the gym has employed hundreds of full and part time staff. The Portland Rock Gym is a long standing pillar in the outdoor community.

The issue facing all members of the outdoor industry in Oregon is the rising costs of insurance and the Portland Rock Gym is no exception. Oregon needs enforceable waivers. Without enforceable waivers insurance costs will continue to rise, threatening the outdoor industry in Oregon. I urge you to consider SB 1593.

-Mike Ryan

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