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Dear Honorable Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan and Members of the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government,

On behalf of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the businesses, organizations and individuals we represent throughout Douglas County, I respectfully submit our strong support for passage of SB 1593.

Passage of SB 1593 would restore the much-needed ability to administer liability waivers by Oregon businesses engaged in sport, fitness and other recreational activities. Restoring the validity of these waivers would allow these businesses to secure liability insurance at costs similar to like businesses in neighboring states. Oregon businesses currently pay some of the highest premiums; costs which they must either pass along to their customers/clients or eliminate recreational options.

Douglas County, the Land of Umpqua, is a where authentic outdoor adventures are abundant. Local residents, Oregonians from all over the state and visitors from near and far travel to experience outdoor recreational activities. Businesses in our community, like in many rural Oregon communities are competing with other states for those business and tourism dollars. The current environment makes it nearly impossible to be competitive.

Oregon businesses and organizations involved in fitness centers, outdoor sporting activities from snow skiing to water rafting, chartered winery tours and many other types of recreation require liability insurance to operate. Oregon is the only state that gives businesses no ability to enforce liability waivers for ordinary negligence. The restoration of liability waivers under SB 1593 would allow us to be more competitive, provide opportunity for economic investment and business growth, and support Oregon's road to prosperity.

We respectfully urge your support. Please vote "yes" on SB 1593.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSEBURG AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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*To advocate for and be the voice of the business community in the greater Roseburg area.*

*To strengthen, enhance and protect our members through political advocacy, economical development, community promotion and member programs and services.*