

February 7, 2026

RE: Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026 (ORCA) - SB1593.

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee:

My name is Mia Sheppard, my husband and I own Little Creek Outfitters, a small family-owned, fly-fishing business in Maupin, Oregon. We love been an outfitter and sharing Oregon's beautiful rivers and fish with visitors. Visitors, lodge, eat out, and shop in the rural towns we base out of, such as Maupin, Condon and Elgin, all benefit from small buisnesses such as ours.

Unfortunately small outdoor buisnesses are at risk. The issue of unenforceable liability waivers in Oregon affects our business and makes it unsustainable. The cost of our insurance has increased, and unenforceable waivers don't protect us against reckless behavior that can lead to costly litigation and could put us out of business.

ORCA SB 1593 is a simple and balanced solution that is already proven to work and is what every other Western state already does (and Oregon used to do). Passage of SB 1593 will bring Oregon in line with the states around us and with the federal government.

I also support the state to conduct an economic study to better quantify Oregon's large and sustainable outdoor industry.

Thank you to the committee for championing this bill, I'm excited to keep getting visitors outdoors to experience Oregon's wild and beautiful places. Let's go fishing!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mia Sheppard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mia and Marty Sheppard

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