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On Behalf Of:
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My name is Corey Rust and I am with Envi Adventures in Troutdale, Oregon.

I strongly support the Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026 (ORCA) - SB1593.

Envi Adventures is an air tour and air charter operation based out of the Troutdale Airport providing year round tours of the beautiful Pacific Northwest to people from all over the world.

As like every small business and being aviation company, costs are one of the biggest stress points for our operation. Each year, we see an increase in prices for aircraft parts and maintenance, fuel, labor, and insurance. If Oregon's Recreation Liability issue is not fixed and we cannot be insured, then it will likely require us to shut down our operation completely which would not only impact our business and employees directly, but the other local businesses that we use to provide various levels of consistent services will see a dramatic loss to their revenues and impact them dramatically as well.

We have always required our passengers to pre-sign liability waivers prior to participating with us, but if they are unenforceable, then they serve no purpose and increase the risk of liability which could/would add further financial pressures to our operation.

Since starting Envi Adventures in 2017, things have not gotten easier or less expensive, and this is a pivotal moment with this legislation coming just in time.

ORCA 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). That it would bring us in line with the states around us and with the federal government.

I fully support the state to conduct an economic study to better quantify Oregon's large and sustainable outdoor industry as I truly believe that we can transform this state into an outdoor recreation hub welcoming visitors from all over the world to experience the beauty of this magnificent state.

I sincerely appreciate the committee for championing this bill and as we look forward to our future, we are excited to continue to showcase the Pacific Northwest from an

aerial vantage point as well as other outbound adventures that we offer.

Many thanks,

Corey Rust
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