

September 30, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Business support for the River Democracy Act of 2021

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley,

We, the undersigned business owners, applaud the introduction of the River Democracy Act of 2021, and thank you for your leadership to protect the Oregon rivers and waterways that provide our great state with clean drinking water, amazing recreation opportunities, and critical habitat for wildlife.

The Oregon economy relies heavily on outdoor recreation, for which clean water and a healthy environment are necessary. Restaurants, hotels, guides, and outdoor adventure stores all rely on protected waters and lands to draw tourism to our state. The addition of nearly 4,700 miles of Oregon rivers and streams throughout the state to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system will protect the waterways that fuel our economy.

Outdoor recreation is one of Oregon's premier economic drivers. According to a recent study by Travel Oregon, 95 percent of Oregonians participate in outdoor recreation each year, and in 2019 alone, Oregonians and out-of-state travelers spent a combined \$15.6 billion on outdoor recreation and related expenses. This translates to 224,000 jobs supported by the outdoor recreation economy. Restaurants, recreation providers, hotels, and retail are directly and indirectly supported by the economy of our great outdoors.

From camping alongside the Deschutes to floating down the McKenzie to exploring the wonders of the Owyhee Canyonlands, the rivers and waterways of Oregon provide endless recreation opportunities for Oregonians and travelers from across the globe alike.

We appreciate the hard work and community collaboration and input that went into crafting this bill to ensure that it represents the needs of all Oregonians. This past year has shed a resoundingly clear light on something Oregonians have long known – just how important our outdoor spaces are for health and happiness. Thank you for introducing the River Democracy Act of 2021 and know that we the undersigned business owners and employers are thankful for your tireless work on this issue and stand ready to support this legislation and work alongside you to ensure its passage.

Sincerely, the undersigned,

5dot arts llc, Curry County
A Helfrich Outfitter, Jackson County
Agate Honey Bees, Jackson County
Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe, Multnomah County
Anderson Custom Rods, Josephine County
Anderson's Outdoors LLC, Clackamas County
Andrew Kumler Photography, Lane County

Animosa, Lane County
ARCC Programs, Deschutes County
ARTA River Trips, Josephine County
Ashland Fly Shop, Jackson County
Ashland Food Coop, Jackson County
Ate-Oh-Ate Hawaiian Restaurant, Multnomah County

Backpacker's Pantry
 Backporch Coffee Roasters, Deschutes County
 Backyard Gardens LLC, Wallowa County
 Balch Hotel and Bistro, Wasco County
 Bambu, Multnomah County
 Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Coos County
 Barking Mad Farm, Wallowa County
 Becker Ecoforestry, Curry County
 Bend Fly Shop, Deschutes County
 Bestow, Jackson County
 Big Rock Sports, Josephine County
 Biodiversity Arts LLC, Jackson County
 Black Ink Coffee, Clackamas County
 Blissful Being Wellness, LLC, Josephine County
 Blue Mountain Outfitters, Union County
 Brightworks Sustainability, Multnomah County
 Cabin Chemistry, Josephine County
 Caddis Fly Angling Shop, Lane County
 Cameron & Company, Lane County
 Chris Janowski Construction, Deschutes County
 Clear Creek Family Practice, Josephine County
 Clyde's Corner, Jackson County
 Cnoc Outdoors, Multnomah County
 Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, Wasco County
 Confluence Fly Shop, Deschutes County
 Crosscurrent Collective, Hood River County
 Cuppa Yo Frozen Yogurt, Deschutes County
 Dan the BackHoe Man Excavation, Josephine County
 Daxfly Angling Services, Jackson County
 Deep Earth Institute
 Dudley's Bookshop Café, Deschutes County
 Eleusis Athletics, Deschutes County
 eNRG Kayaking, Clackamas County
 Eugene Gear Traders, Lane County
 Fawn Lily Botanica, Lane County
 Feedback Graphics, Deschutes County
 Fields Farm, Deschutes County
 Fisherman's Marine and Outdoors
 Flying Pencil Publications, Clackamas County
 Fly Water Travel, Jackson County
 Focus Physical Therapy, Inc., Deschutes County
 Food for the Sole, Deschutes County
 Frigate Adventure Travel, Tillamook County
 Full Circle CO2, Lane County
 Fundamental Medicine LLC, Multnomah County
 Get 'N Gear, Jackson County
 Go Beyond Racing, Multnomah County
 Go Wild: American Adventures, Baker County
 Good Bear Ranch, Deschutes County
 Grassroots Sound Co., Jackson County
 Green Springs Inn & Cabins, Jackson County
 Greg Vaughn Photography, Clackamas County
 Hancock Hughey LLP, Jefferson County
 Harvey Young Fishing, Jackson County
 Hawthorne Gallery, Curry County
 Henkels Law LLC, Lincoln & Multnomah counties
 Historic Hotel Prairie, Grant County
 Intrepid Experience LLC, Multnomah County
 Kayak Tillamook County, Tillamook County
 KEEN, Inc., Multnomah County
 KXCJ-LP, Josephine County
 Lasting Light Photography, Hood River County
 Laurelhurst Market Restaurant & Butcher Shop, Multnomah County
 Law Offices of Charles M. Tebbutt, P.C., Lane County
 Law Office of Daniel R. Kruse, Lane County
 Leon Werdinger Photography, Wallowa County
 Matt Will Photography, Jackson County
 MiiR, Multnomah County
 Minam River Lodge, Wallowa County
 Montage Oriental Medicine L.L.C., Josephine County
 Motel Del Rogue, Josephine County
 Mountain Mel's Essential Goods, LLC, Clackamas County
 Mountain Provisions, Jackson County
 Mountain Rose Herbs, Lane County
 Nella Mae's Farm, Union County
 Noah's River Adventures, Jackson County
 North Umpqua Plumbing, Inc., Douglas County
 NW Alpine, Marion County
 Northwest Ecotours, Lincoln County
 Northwest Fishing Adventures LLC, Washington County
 Northwest Rafting Company, Hood River County
 Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association
 Northwest Whitewater Adventures, Clackamas County
 NXT LVL Digital Marketing
 OARS
 Orange Torpedo Trips, Josephine County
 Oregon Outfitters & Guides Association
 Oregon Pack Works, Deschutes County
 Oregon Solarworks LLC, Jackson County
 Oshala Farm, Josephine County
 OtterBee's Market, Curry County
 Outside In (Bend), Deschutes County
 Owyhee Paddle Co., Malheur County
 Paisley Adventure, Lake County
 Patagonia Bend, Deschutes County

Paulina Springs Books, Jefferson County
Payette Environmental Services LLC, Marion
County
Pickled Planet, Jackson County
Pineapple Express Adventure Rides, Curry County
Pine Mountain Sports, Deschutes
Portland Bottle Shop and Café, Multnomah County
Port Orford Community Co-Op, Curry County
Ptarmigan Ptrails LLC, Curry County
Recreate Consulting, Marion County
Redfish Rocks LLC, Curry County
Red Mound Company, Curry County
REI Co-op
Resonance Farm, Lane County
Respect Outside, Deschutes County
Rhee Reel & Line Guide Service
Riparian Tours, Lane County
Rise Up! Artisan Bread
River Drifters, Wasco County
River Jewelry, Benton County
Robin Hostick Art
Rogue Infinity Outfitters LLC, Josephine County
Rogue Rock Gym, Jackson County
Rogue Valley Anglers Fly Shop, Jackson County
Ruffwear, Deschutes County
Sasquatch Agency, Multnomah County
Sawyer Paddles and Oars LLC, Jackson County
Scott Bend Realty, Deschutes County
Sequoia Photography, Jackson County
Simple Machine Winery, Jackson County
Siskiyou Alpaca, Josephine County
Siskiyou Ecological Services, Jackson County
Siskiyou Seeds, Josephine County
Six Moon Designs, Washington County
Small Stream Outfitters, Washington County
SOTAR, Josephine County
So. OR. Mediation Center, Josephine County
SoulJour
South Coast Tours, Curry County
Southern Oregon University Outdoor Program,
Jackson County
Spa Sanctuary at the Balch Hotel, Wasco County
Spork, Deschutes County

SR Marketing & Design, Curry County
Strictly Organic Coffee Co., Deschutes County
SugarTop Buddery, Lane County
Sun Spirit Farms, Josephine County
Sweat Revival, Deschutes County
Tacovore, Lane County
Tall Town Bike and Camp, Lake County
The Acupuncture and Herb Clinic, Josephine County
The Commons Cafe & Taproom, Deschutes County
The Gear Fix, Deschutes County
The Haul with Connor Fields Brewing, Josephine
County
The Jennings Hotel, Wallowa County
The Peoples Pies, Deschutes County
The Trout Bus, Deschutes County
Tree Wizard Gallery, Curry County
Tributary Whitewater Tours
Troutdoors Marketing and Media, Deschutes County
True South Solar, Jackson County
Tumalo Creek Kayak & Canoe, Deschutes County
Turcotte Consulting, Inc., Union County
Tyler Roemer Photography, Deschutes County
Under Solen Media, Multnomah County
Uptown Frames, Curry County
Vernonia Springs, Columbia County
Vertical Horizons Treehouse Paradise, Josephine
County
Wahl-3 Ranching, Curry County
Wallowa Lake Lodge, Wallowa Lake Lodge
Wanderlust Tours, Deschutes County
Warrick Vinyard, LLC, Josephine County
Wellspring Aikido, Josephine County
We'Moon, Josephine County
Western Fishing Adventures Ltd., Clackamas
County
White Oak Farm & Education Center, Josephine
County
WildSpring Guest Habitat, Curry County
Wild Wines, Jackson County
Wooldridge Creek Winery, Josephine County
Worth eCommerce, Multnomah County
Wyld, Clackamas County