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
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Backpacker's Pantry, Deschutes County
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 Werdering 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 Cafe, Multnomah County
Port Orford Community Co-Op, Curry County
Ptramigan Ptraits 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