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Mr. Mark Johnson,

My name is laird Davis and I've voted for you and lived in Hood River for 25 years. I raised 2 daughters who attended Hood River schools from K-12.

I'm writing to ask you to vote NO on House Bill 2320. This bill introduces new rules and regulations for small marine crafts such as Windsurfers, Kite boards, and Stand-up paddlers on the Columbia River.

It introduces new annual fees and requirements for Personal Flotation Devices that would effect thousands of water enthusiasts in the Gorge.

Regarding the fees - I'm not so against this but it's a hassle for tourists. They spend thousands on a Gorge vacation and now Oregon wants to charge them \$12.00 to register their kite board which is 5 feet long or smaller?

We need to make it easier for tourists - not harder.

Regarding the regulation to require PFDs - there's no proof that it makes windsurfing and kiting safer. It should be a matter of personal choice - especially for people over 18. Maybe a compromise would be to require it for children?