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My name is Larry Meddock and I am Chairman of the Water Sports Industry Association. We are a 40 year old marine industry trade association headquartered in Orlando Florida. We represent all the sport specific tow boats that are used for all towed water sports. We also represent the manufacturers of all the hard goods that are sold for towed water sports such as water skis, wakeboards, tubes, Life Jackets etc. We also represent all the dealers that sell said products. We represent over 1 Billion dollars of retail sales.

When agencies suggest regulations that adversely affect this part of our economy, we will react. HB 2351 has the potential for way too many unintended consequences. The text in the proposed legislation reads "Marine Board serves the recreational boating public, not for the board to make special regulations...", the assumption will be that if a jurisdiction tells the Marine Board what they need, the Marine Board should comply. To add that to the scope of what the Marine Board already needs to consider when making new rules seems to be an overreach, especially when they weren't involved in the original greenway planning.

We are concerned about the long-term impacts and feel that if this bill is passed, towed-sports boaters could suffer a severe loss of access to useable waterways. This will have a domino effect on property value, local sales, tax revenue and more.

We urge you not to pass this bill.

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