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I sent this too late for the last committee meeting on this bill. I hope it can be considered for the meeting on March 7th.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Harrison Palmer Kellum Jr.

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Background of the Sender.

My name is Harrison Palmer Kellum Jr. I was born in Oregon City in 1951. In 1956, my family moved to the banks of the Willamette River, about three miles down stream from the falls in Oregon City.

We call this part of the river the "lower river" (as in down stream from the falls).

The part of the river upstream from the falls is know as the "upper river".

I have lived over 52 of my years on the planet on the banks of the Willamette River. It is safe to say I have probably spent more time on the Willamette than all of the members of your committee combined.

Before Bob Straub and Tom McCall started the cleanup of the river, most notably the two paper mill below the falls in Oregon City, our parents thought the river was too polluted for river recreation. Our family doctor settled the debate, by giving us tetanus shots before the summer recreation season began. As soon as we could drive, we started to take our ski boat to the upper Willamette, where the water was less polluted and didn't have dead, decaying Lampreys floating everywhere. (They died at the falls). This time period from 1967 to 1975 was the bulk of the time I spent on the upper river. They now call this stretch of water the Newberg Pool.

In 1984, my wife and I bought a river front house in the lower river where we still live. Living on the river isn't for everyone, but we love it. Some people don't. Some people never figure out why they have to share "their river" with other residents of the state that don't live on the river. Some people don't like all the noise in the summertime. Some people don't like the wakes from the boats jostling their dock. Some people don't like the responsibility of maintaining their river bank to help prevent erosion and reduce the pollution that they might otherwise seep into the river. Those of us in the lower river have always figured that the people who lived on the upper river were "spoiled" because they have never have had to deal with the problems the tides create below the falls, and they don't have to deal with big boats. (At least not until we hopefully get the locks open again)

It seems to me, that a number of property owners along the banks of the upper river are not happy with present day river use patterns. I believe House Bill 2351 has come forth as a result of this unhappiness. You don't see much of this unrest coming from the lower river, because we have been dealing with tides, and big wakes from big boats for decades.

House Bill 2351 is attempting to use 52 year old landmark environmental legislation, the Willamette Greenway, to control river usage along the Willamette. The Willamette Greenway was formed to: "enhance the scenic, recreational, historic, natural and agricultural qualities of the Willamette River and its adjacent lands. ." This isn't a Willamette Greenway issue. I think Tom McCall and Bob Straub would say: "shame, shame, shame on you", for this attempt.

The Oregon State Marine Board is one of our most successful and respected state agencies. It has been deeply involved in the Newberg Pool issue since at least 2006, when they formed their first advisory committee for the matter. I would encourage you all to read the white paper that the Marine Board released in 2018 entitled: "Conflict, Causes, and Considerations of Oregon's Newberg Pool." It is well researched and well written. It gives a concise, objective look at the issues pushing HB2351.

At their quarterly meeting on January 22, 2019, the Marine Board released their findings and their plan of action to help mitigate the controversy over wake size in the Newberg Pool. They have a plan, which is the result of countless hours of effort by their agency.

Inclusive in the plan are 1,3,and 5 year follow up dates to assess how the plan is working. This plan deserves a chance to work.

In conclusion, to take this matter out of the Marine Board's hands or force the provisions of HB 2351 upon the Marine Board at a time when their plan is just coming on line is a mistake.

Please don't tarnish that which is the legacy of the Willamette Greenway! Please kill this bill now while you have the chance!

Sincerely,

Harrison Palmer Kellum Jr.

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