

Dear Chair Witt and committee -

I am a homeowner on Lake Oswego and own a boat that weighs less than 3500 lbs. We sometimes also enjoy using our boat on the Willamette River with friends and family. I have enjoyed boating for many years in this boat and have no doubt that we will continue to enjoy it for years to come. We are grateful that the Lake Oswego Homeowners Association made restrictions on boat weight many years ago because we haven't had to suffer from the effects of massive waves hitting the docks resulting in an unnecessary financial burden. It also makes us feel safer on the water knowing that our boat won't be swamped or damaged as other boats have been on the Willamette River. Don't let the boating industry and their supporters fool you. House bill 2725 will simply give more Oregonians the opportunity to enjoy the river with their family, make it a safer river for boating, and help preserve the fragile river ecosystem.

Please support HB 2725!!!

Many thanks,

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