

For my family of five (kids aged 11, 8, 6), towed tubing watersports were the singular most important outdoor, socially distant recreational activity we had available, and we were out most every weekend towing the kids. There was NOTHING else that came close to the fun we had with the confidence we were safe from the pandemic in our boat. Towed sports were critical to that enjoyment. We own a 21' bowrider weighing ~4200 and have no ballasts or surfing capabilities. Passage of this bill would decimate our summer enjoyment of the river in our family, and we have been using the river for tubing since 2011. In 2020 I even bought a new 3-person inflatable sled for the kids just so they would have something they could all do together. It would be heartbreaking to take that ability away from long standing responsible community boating members such as myself and my family.