

Dear Sir/Madam,

I strongly oppose this bill and what it represents for not only my family but hundreds of other families along the Willamette River. I grew up in Newberg and have been actively enjoying the river from a young age. These bills are reacting way too strongly on empirical evidence. I have personally witnessed the changing erosion patterns on the Willamette from Newberg to Oregon City for 40+ years. There is WAY more damage done every year just from annual river flow levels increasing and damaging the banks and docks. We have real scientific data on this, yet we have only empirical data of permanent damage caused by wake boaters. I am also highly concerned about the loss of use this will cause by stripping safe, socially distant outdoor opportunities from mine and hundreds of other families. This bill is too focused on the land owners on the river and their personal complaints for what is normal river use. The vast majority of boaters like myself are safe and responsible. We should focus on increased education and enforcement of the existing rules over one sided legislation aimed at protecting a minority. I implore you to reconsider this bill and the negative impact it will have on a large segment of the family and business voter population. I ask that you deny this and other bills intended to skew equal access to the river for all water sports.

Thank you,
Lance W. Grow