

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to represent myself and the 4,700+ people that signed our petition here in opposition to SB 857.

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We are Oregonians that live in this state and love and enjoy boating on this public waterway. There are 32 pages of comments in this petition from all the people that signed it in opposition to this bill, to these regulations and restrictions. We ask you to represent all of us and vote no on this bill.

I'm so sad to think of the people I know that live on the river and enjoy the river that will definitely be leaving probably the state if this passes. In Oregon in the summer the river is one of the best places to be with friends and enjoy the beautiful state that we live in. I know personally so many people that will be devastated if this passes and there are 1000's more that also believe the river should remain the public waterway with access for all Oregonians.

There are so many different contributing factors to bank erosion and there is absolutely NO definitive way to prove that the boat wakes a few weekends out of the year are causing these issues. There are so many other solutions to the concerns as well and there have been no long term studies to even find out if the waves are damaging at all. The amount of time the river is just quiet and not busy are entirely more than the crowded times and we all want to continue to have the access to the river.

I think the most concerning thing is that Senator Kennemer, not even currently elected to this role, is the primary sponsor of this bill and he lives on the river and doesn't like boat waves. We actually have 100's more that live on this river because they do like boating and the waves they have seen have had no impact on their banks. This is clearly the personal crusade of this Senator and he is trying too take this public waterway away from taxpaying Oregonians. It is entirely unacceptable with a Senator uses his place of public service to represent his own personal frustrations. Senator's and Representatives are elected to represent the people and we the people of Oregon love this river and want to continue to have access to it.

Please represent us and VOTE NO ON SB 857.

Sincerely,

Jenny Wiepert