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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Hi Senate committee,

I am writing in opposition of SB 1589. I am a frequent boater in the Newberg pool area. I have a moorage slip in Wilsonville and use the Willamette for wakeboarding, fishing and swimming primarily. This bill would eliminate my usage of the river. According to the new rules I could not even use my boat to fish in the river? There is a small group of homeowners who would like to make the river private for their use only. This bill is a move to get their way.

The main issue is not wakeboats but uneducated boaters with no law enforcement to enforce the current rules. The current towed Watersport endorsement should include all boaters including tubers. They are the ones who drive close to docks and plow creating large wakes. The current rules discriminate against the group of river users who are educated and pay additional fees to the marine board. Wakeboats are not the reason for shorelines changing, but high water in the winter months. There has been no professional study completed to show wake boats are the reason for erosion.

Thank you for taking time to read my opposition. Please consider and review testimony from all river users before making a decision.

Thank you,
Michael Canaday