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On Behalf Of:

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I'm reaching out today to ask you, our legislators to please move forward on passing this bill. There are so many issues with our beloved waterway, the Willamette River. There are many passionate supporters of the new wakeboard sports and the boats that have the highest ballast capacity, and also many whose properties are sustaining damage. We've lived on the river for 22 years and are among those private landowners who have sustained considerable damage year after year to our dock, boatlift, and stairs. From my research, I see that many states are also experiencing the same issues on their respective lakes and rivers. In addition to the damage to both State (Champoeg Park) and private properties, there is scientific evidence that these ocean-like wakes are endangering fragile habitats. There are many, including us skiers, who want to enjoy the river in smaller craft and use paddleboards, kayaks, Many of us wish to swim and aren't able to enjoy the river safely during the busy summer months any longer. Impartial scientific studies are available and have been submitted along with videos clearly demonstrating the harm that boats in excess of 5,000 lbs cause destruction and harm to our endangered ecosystems. Protect Oregon's economy, livability, and the environment by voting in favor of this bill. Thank you for all the hard work you do in keeping Oregon safe to enjoy for all.

Respectfully submitted, Susan and Michael Crow.