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I live on a small mountain lake in northeast GA. Present 100' buffer regulations are grossly inadequate to protect other boaters, paddlers, swimmers and shoreline structures from the powerful waves generated by wakeboats. We regularly experience swamping, shoreline damage, and have had injuries requiring hospitalization from close wakeboat encounters. Engineering studies in Idaho, Minnesota and Georgia have unanimously and uniformly concluded that a separation distance of at least 500' is necessary for the larger and more powerful waves from wakeboats/wakesurfing to attenuate to equivalence with waves from conventional/waterski boats. Remedial legislation is in process in GA and several other states.