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I strongly support SB1589.

Erosion and turbidity aside, these 5000 pound and over wake boats are a safety concern.

The opponents of this Bill say it is there right to use these boats in the Newberg Pool congested zone.

But, they may not realize that they are forcing many more users off the river, perhaps just oblivious to that fact.

I have two young granddaughters with whom I used to go paddle boarding from Hebb Park in the Newberg Pool, until the last couple years.

It is now impossible to go out there on a weekend afternoon for fear of these large wakes. Our boards get thrown about and my granddaughters fall nearly every time one of the

large wake boats goes by. Impossible to have a good time. The opponents say that this bill would take family fun off the river. Well, THEY have taken me and my family off the river.

The narrowness of the Newberg Pool makes the operation of the wake boats an "us, at the exclusion of the rest of us" situation.

There are plenty of larger bodies of water to take these boats.

Please help to make the Newberg Pool a safe place for all of us.

Thank you,

Trish