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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Dear Committee members,

I have been on the upper Willamette from West Linn to Newberg for decades. Certainly more people have moved into the Portland area during that time, which of course means more people with boats.

More people with kayaks and canoes. More fishing boats. More speed boats.

But only in the last decade, have boats dedicating to making large waves been around.

With more and more users, comes more congestion.

But, when the wake boats came on the scene, the congestion was compounded massively by the size of the waves. These boats now dominate the scene,

because other users can't do what they came to the river to do, it's like an ocean.

Since I have the experience of decades on this stretch of the river, it is clear to me that these wake boats have only made things worse. I understand the allure

of the sports that they can do behind these boats, but it's just not the right place.

Please support this Bill 1589.