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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1589

Committee members,

I feel like it's a David and Goliath situation.

I attended (virtually) the National Marine Manufacturers Association annual meeting last year.

The recreational boating industry had record years in 2020 and 2021, over \$600,000,000,000 in sales. That's 6 Billion, with "B".

At the meeting they encouraged all dealers to reach into their pockets and contribute to their PAC to fight any issue that might affect their sales.

They are fearful that because many states across the country are gearing up to regulate the big wake boats, that they might lose sales.

They can afford the most expensive lobbyists to fight for their cause.

On the other hand, concerned citizens and stewards of the environment have no such deep pockets to hire the big lobbyists.

University Professors have offered up their studies, environmental agencies have voiced their concerns, the local Riverkeeper groups are trying to educate the legislative groups as best they can with the limited resources that they have. It's not easy to compete with big corporate money.

I've always believed that one of the roles of the government is to protect the small and often voiceless against those that might use their large influence to get their way.

If you support SB1589, you will be protecting a natural resource so that it can be enjoyed by many for years to come.