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Thank you for helping to make our bodies of water a safe place for families to enjoy. I've been boating for over 30yrs. For the first half, lakes were calm, boaters were respectful. For the second half, there is an increasing amount of chaos when on the water. Large boats full of drunk partiers are surfing. They force others, including canoes and sailboats, to give way. They don't care the damage their wakes cause. They don't stay safe distances from others or shore. I was actually told by one driver that if he "had turned it would mess up the wake for his surfer." That was his excuse for nearly running me over while sailing. I have a small 16' sailboat with no motor. I go where the wind takes... with some control. The people driving these boats with surfers behind them are often too drunk to realize the dangerous of their actions. They do not follow the rules of the water. Don't be fooled by their false claims. They're not families enjoying an afternoon on the water. They're drunks blasting obscene music while endangering the lives of actual families trying to stay out of their way. Preventing these boats from towing is going to save countless lives. Preventing them from launching would be wonderful! Thank you for supporting this bill and making our bodies of water safe once again.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Olsen