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To whom it may concern,

Senate Bill 1589 has four elements that are not fair to the broader constituents and users of the river.

1. A small handful of users with connections to the legislative process and people are pushing an agenda to reduce boats on the river for their own benefit by eliminating as many boats from as much activity as possible. This is not representative or fair to the larger use base.

2. The power point presentations that have been presented and circulated are not "studies" they are sets of data points out of context with a loose narrative woven through them. While this practice is used by fringe media to generate clicks and reactions, it should not be utilized to legislate policy that governs citizens. Anyone familiar with the scientific process of conducting studies would immediately discount these in the process.

3. Waves and banks. A quick examination of the shoreline of the area in the current wake surf zones and then the banks where home owners have cut back vegetation and built close the bank. The cause of bank of erosion is home owner caused and not boater caused. A well structured study would pinpoint causes and recommendations, this may be why the proponents are desiring to skip a well funded and professional study and ban as many boats from the river. Just to answer the response, "we are not banning anyone", you are limiting recreational use that are in effect banning.

4. Limiting boats of 5,000lb and over and using factory ballast in the calculation was determined to maximize the number of boats impacted. A 23 ft, 45000 to 5000 boat pulling a child on an inner tube at 20mph produces a wave than many much smaller boats. An analogy would be not allow automobiles that can exceed speed limits to be registered. This another data point in the motive of the proponents.

In summary, we live in an area of growing population. Our trails, beaches, and parks are all more used. With management and education we in Oregon have successfully managed our resources for everyone. In the Tillamook range we have mountain biking, hiking, Off Road vehicles, hunting, bird watching, camping and day picnicing.

The Newberg pool is already heavily regulated. Not everyone can afford a home on

the river and then push everyone else off.

Kids and the river, they go together.

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