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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

I'm an avid boater, own a boat over 5000 pounds and Boones Ferry Marina member for the last 8 years. My family loves the water, especially the Newberg pool given its ease of access and water.

I oppose this bill for a couple important reasons:

Errosion as a reason for the bill is a shaky argument at best without strong evidence.

Singling out wakeboard boats is biased, wakes are created by all boats. Wakeboard boats are restricted from creating wakes to a very small area of the river which doesn't have docks, homes, or parks to impact. Often times when I am on the river I am the only boater in the wake zones. There are only a handful of days in the short summer which the river is busy with wakeboard boats.

Enforcement of existing rules is lacking. This bill does nothing to address the issue. How about addressing enforcement first?

Removing Wakeboard boats from the river will impact families, homeowners, and local businesses negatively. Quality of life will suffer, jobs lost, and river home values will be diminished. This bill is wildly unpopular. There are a select few who seek to impact the majority with these policies which do not represent populist views. We have a representative form of government. This bill doesn't represent the boating and river community.

Until the legislature can address the numerous homeless boats in the Ross Island area, I don't want to hear about any new river legislation. Homeless boats create health and safety issues for all of us, especially the homeless people. Thanks for the consideration.

Best Regards,  
Don Zabudsky