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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to oppose SB1589. For the last 2 years, officials have been asking us to trust the science throughout the pandemic. I ask, where is the scientific study specific to the upper Willamette river, Newberg pool, that would necessitate the drastic actions being proposed? And has that study been compared to the effects of the seasonal river flooding and flow that happens each winter? We all use the river in different ways. The river belongs to all Oregonians, not just a few who may be lucky enough to live on it. It is a public place to boat, ski, fish, surf, tube, etc. There are things in place such as "surfzones" that allow the larger boats to recreate safely. This proposed legislation will not only crush many families that surf, but also who wake board and pull a tube. The upper Willamette river is not only for the people who live on the river...but who also utilize Rogers Landing, Wilsonville, and all the other public launches.

Thank you,

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