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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

To the Oregon Legislature:

I am writing in support of SB 1589 which proposes to limit boats used for recreational towing (i.e. wakeboarding) to 5000 lbs or less.

I believe that the effects of the large wakes from these boats poses a serious threat to the river ecosystem (bank erosion, etc.) and can also damage private docks. In addition, the large wakes create hazardous conditions for other river users such as those on kayaks/canoes/SUPs. I believe the rights of the the environment as well as lower-impact river users outweigh the rights of a few high-impact river users. I urge you to approve SB 1589 to protect our precious rivers from preventable damage, thus improving the livability of Oregon which benefits us all.

Sincerely,

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