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On Behalf Of:

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I strongly oppose this bill. My husband and family have lived on the Willamette for generations and have enjoyed boating recreation responsibility. Our family has a strong connection with the river and have shared its beauty with our children and now our grandchildren. I believe this bill will hurt not only small business it will negatively impact families who live along the river who deserve to use the waterway. I also feel that the bill will negatively impact the lower Willamette by heavily increasing usage which is already overcrowded and sometimes dangerous. It is very frustrating that a select group of the population that uses the Willamette is being targeted for all its problems. We should be able to find a way to share equally among all who want to enjoy the Willamette.