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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Jeremy Spriggs and I work in the boating industry and have for 10 years with Active Water Sports. The water sports community is a loving, caring community involved group. This bill will not only hurt small business in the area but it will take away from an amazing community and amazing people in our area. This is a public river and it should be able to be enjoyed by all boaters equally. A 5000 pound weight limit is unreasonable to say the least and targeting 1 group of boaters is not the right thing to do here. Please do not harm small businesses in our area and take away one fun thing our community can do that is active and involved with the outdoors. I own a boat and was on the river 5 times a week on the upper Willamette and I never saw an issue with anyone being unreasonable with their boats or waves. We share the river and that is what we have always done and will continue to do. There is not a huge issue here that a ton of people are seriously concerned about. This is an issue a small group of river home owners have created themselves because they want to control the river they live on. They moved to a public water way, if they need dock repairs or they are seeing shore erosion that is the risk they chose to take when purchasing that property. Please do not punish us because of this small group of individuals made a choice.

Thank you for your time.

Jeremy Spriggs