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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1589

Hello, I am writing once again to share my opposition of SB 1589. Not only does this bill favor all non-motorboat river users and unfairly target motorboat users specifically, but it also hurts small businesses that thrive from the sales of towed watersports. With very few sections of the river available for towed watersports, boaters will only boat outside of Portland, likely shopping at watersports shops outside of Portland as well. With nowhere to surf or wakeboard, this will leave the small watersports businesses in Portland with little to no business. Considering the hardships and obstacles that COVID-19 has brought to small businesses, the last thing they need is the government trying to shut them down in other ways. Please consider that this bill heavily favors one small group of river users and lovers. I've lived and boated in the Portland area my entire life, enjoying it with my family and friends for decades. Please do not take away the opportunity to create new memories with my own children.