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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Dear Members,

I am submitting my written testimony in Opposition to SB 1589.

This bill is another attempt by a few people to unfairly discriminate against on specific watersport. Wake Surfing. Over the last few years Wake Surfing has been regulated as a specific class of boater. Established surf zones to limited areas away from homes and docks. Further, additional licensing and certificates are required. This has been successful for most Wake Surf Boaters. This bill suggests that ONLY wake surfing creates wave action that supposedly damages the river. This is not true. what about big fishing boats or trollers, that create large wakes as well. Why are they not being regulated? The fact is the Surf zones established are working well and keeps Wake Surfing in an area that no homes or docks exist. This allows Families to enjoy Wake Surfing in the already established Surf Zones. These zones have been a successful compromise for Wake Surfing and all other boaters. Thank You for your consideration.