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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Devin Dougherty and my family and I have lived on the river for 9 years. Everyday I get the pleasure of watching the river habitat and each year we have seen more wildlife than ever. Salmon counts per Oregon Fish Wildlife are better than they have ever been! No erosion has occurred during the summer months. Especially not from boating three months out of the year with maybe 20-30 of those days being busy boating days.

Our family does all water sports including kayaking and paddleboarding. Kennemer mentioned that he saw a paddleboarder fall off his board?!! Well everyone falls off a board at some point. That's the fun part! Basically he is stating he wants to stand next to a pool and not get splashed. It's ridiculous!

Having a rope behind our boat or not isn't going to make any difference or impact to what the organizations are claiming. If I'm towing or not it will still throw the same wake. When using ballast we respectfully go to the "wake zone". Therefore this Bill is flawed. Makes no sense at all. Including the fact that Kennemer is sponsoring the Bill making it a conflict of interest which would benefit himself.

It all comes down to is a few people that have had unfortunate situations with a particular size boats. The respectful boaters like myself and others are being penalized and discriminated against. There has been statements about the bigger boats damaging docks. Docks are made of wood and are not meant to last forever. If you don't maintain them they will not last. It what every river front homeowner signed up for when they bought their house.

With that being said this Bill is going to take a loved recreation away from our family and many others on a public waterway.

As a community we have more important issues we should be putting our time and efforts into. For some reason it is okay for transients to live on boats, defecate in the water, and leave trash where ever they please. The list goes on of what us Oregonians can do to make our water ways a safe and enjoyable place for all.

Thank you for your time and I strongly oppose Bill 1589

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