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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: SB1589

Please vote against this bill. For decades the River has been shared and enjoyed by Oregon families a variety of different ways. This bill unfairly is targeted against surfing and wakeboard boats. There is no evidence that these boats are causing erosion. Instead the evidence points to water level fluctuations and flooding as the main contributor of erosion. The River belongs to all of Oregon. Not just the few who live on it. All should be able to enjoy this stretch. The existing controls are adequate. Passing this bill will push all the recreational boaters to other areas. Causing overcrowding and larger problems. For years different bills have been introduced — all trying to restrict River use. It's time to reaffirm that Oregon waterways can be safely used by all.