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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

Greetings,

I am writing in vehement support of SB 1590. I have enjoyed the extensive use of the Newberg Pool with family, friends and co-workers for the past few years, until being stripped of the right under arbitrary rules and goalposts. Because my boat was capable of being 50 pounds over IF 100% ballast loaded (which we NEVER are), we lost the ability to enjoy one of Oregon's greatest resources. (yet in theory, a cruise ship or tugboat can use the water putting way more strain on the system than me pulling a tuber at 1/2 of the weight I was being charged with).

There is no/little evidence to support that boaters are grossly accelerating shore degradation, as human land development and natural rain cycles appear much more responsible.

Instead of loading the boat with fuel (\$200-\$400+ / day) and purchasing snacks and beverages in town, we often purchased closer to alternative destinations. I can tell you that without a doubt, the cities of Newberg and Wilsonville, and in some instances the State of Oregon, lost their share of \$12,000-\$15,000 or more from just our modest 23' boat.

I urge you to support SB 1590, and allow local boaters to once again use the primarily rural based Newberg Pool for the motorized boating recreation that brings so much joy to so many. Being outdoors on a boat is good for the soul, and has provided 100s and 1000s of mentally and physically refreshing hours of responsible enjoyment to our circle of family and friends, and we are hopeful to have that opportunity again soon in our work/home backyard!

Thank you for your time and consideration.