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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

“Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Committee,

We live in Oregon City and value the Willamette River for the broad range of uses it supports. It’s a place to fish, canoe, and yes, even allow towed watersports subject to certain requirements. We support the existing framework that specifies a cap on the size boats that can tow in this section of river.

The existing laws don’t prohibit any individual person from waterskiing or wake boarding in the river. Everyone is allowed access to the river. Rather, the existing laws simply restrict the equipment and size boat that can be used in doing so.

For a heavily-used waterbody that Oregon asks a lot of (with regard to supporting fish, recreation, swimming, and the housing development along its banks, etc.), this is a reasonable set of laws and I don’t see a good reason for reverting back to the previous system.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth and Stephen Fraser