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On Behalf Of:

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I write this letter in support of SB1590. I have boated below the Willamette Falls for over 20 years. We raised our three kids on the river and spent summers wakeboarding and wakesurfing as a family. It was the best thing we ever did for our kids. They learned to take care of the environment by picking trash out of the river throughout the day and how to help other boaters in need. This gave them a sense of importance and belonging. Good life lessons were learned on the river. We watched other families do the same thing. When these restrictions were placed below the falls, we watched those families disappear. Please repeal these rules in the Newberg Pool and let families build memories together doing the things they love. Limit the size of boats that can be used and educate people how to limit the effects of their wake. Help people share the rivers and keep them open for all users. Thank you for your time.