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Good afternoon Representative Witt,

I wanted to let you know I will be attending the Work Session on the 28th and would be happy to answer any questions you have in regards to how HB2351 may effect tow boat users and tow-boat business in Oregon. There are over 6000 registered tow-boat owners throughout Oregon and wanted to make sure this segment of the population was taken into consideration.

Our opposition to this bill comes from these specific issues:

- The Marine Board is the state agency that sets the regulations for waterways
- The Marine Board already has the scope and power to enact rules to regulate wave-energy
- The Marine Board is currently working with all sides to address wave-energy issues and adding state legislation will not speed up the process
- The potential negative impact to tow-boat use and therefore Oregon tow-boat businesses, is significant

I look forward to hearing the committees views at the work session. As I mentioned above, I will be present at the work session and would be happy to answer any questions there or beforehand.

Respectfully,

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