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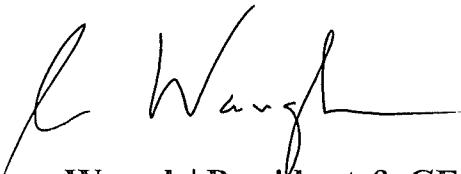
Chair Witt and members of the committee,

I am writing in support of HB2555-1 and HB2725-1.

There are many variables that contribute to the value of a property and one of the obvious ones is the size of the subject property. Should use of the river continue as it has been and currently is, than every river front owner's property value will be decreased each season by virtue of the erosion of their property.

What is happening to river front property owners is the equivalent to an eminent domain action, except the taker of the property are boaters versus government. Yet, unlike government paying the property owner fair market value for their property, river front property owners are receiving no compensation for the property they are losing.

The bottom line is the passing of this legislation does not impair the use and enjoyment of the river. Does recreational use outweigh the interests of property owners?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Waugh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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