

I am writing you to oppose SB 856 and SB 857. This legislation is born out of special interest agendas and is not representative of the community at large. Our waterway policies should be grounded in solid research and favor the general public, not select waterfront homeowners and paddlers looking to eliminate motorized boating for their own personal gain. These bills will make our waterways less safe and negatively impact Oregon families and small businesses. Instead of taking drastic steps to take boats out of the water, we should acquire more information and scientific evidence for the best ways to keep our river safe and healthy.

I respectfully urge you not to consider progressing these bills through the legislature this session. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bart Forsberg