

Dear Chair Wagner and Committee Members:

Today I am writing you in support of SB 857. Wake boats have grown in size and popularity. I don't like to judge or hinder other's enjoyment of the river but as a kayaker, it has become increasingly difficult to enjoy the river safely with the large number of wake-generating boats on it. I've seen new kayakers and canoeists dumped out of their boats. In certain conditions, this can be extremely dangerous. I've also seen docks heaving violently due to excessive wakes. I know some folks can operate these boats responsibly but in my opinion, the majority cannot.

I hope you will join in this effort that will create huge benefits for the river, and for the thousands of river users affected by wake boats.

Thank you for your consideration,

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