

To Whom It May Concern:

Consider this message as testimony in opposition of SB 857. This is a ridiculous and untruthful proposal. I live on the Willamette River in the Newberg Pool and boat pressure does not cause bank erosion. The rising and lowering of the river itself is what is causing the issue of bank erosion. We have had 2 separate geologists come out and look at our erosion and both said that when the river rises, the water underneath churns at the bank and loosens the soil. When the river lowers, it takes this loose soil with it. We witness boats on the river 2.5 months out of the year and the by this time the river is so low that the waves don't even effect the bank. This bill is to try and make the river a private waterway for individuals who have a selfish motivation, not something that is beneficial to all people of Oregon. I invite whatever committee is researching this bill to bring their geologists to our property and assess it themselves. This bill also is another blow at trying to reduce our struggling economy as boats, boating and enjoying the Willamette River brings essential business to many different entities. Please do the right thing and do not support this ridiculous proposal and focus on struggling businesses, opening the economy fully and getting kids back in school full time. That's where your efforts are needed right now. Thank you.