

I'm writing you because I strongly oppose this unnecessary legislature that is being promoted. The river is a public space that needs to be shared by all users. There has not been unbiased research done, only research promoted by those with an agenda. The river can be safely shared and used by all groups. Taking away boating access to this river will be devastating for my family. My wife, my two young children, and myself use this section of the river to recreate 3 days a week all summer long. If this section of the river is closed to towed watersports, we will be forced to travel further to other bodies of water that are less safe for us to use.

I also wish to state that I find that there are many more concerning issues at this time in our state that should be fully addressed before wasting tax payer dollars and time on issues like this. It is abhorrent to me that trying to remove a safe, healthy, and socially distant activity from the river at this time, is taking precedent over the incredibly more important issues that our plaguing our state. How about helping businesses that need to recover from COVID closures, getting a plan to get our kids back into the classrooms fully, or addressing the drug addiction, mental health, homeless, and trash problems that are destroying our communities? Please focus on fixing the real problems affecting the majority of citizens in our state.