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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Hello. As an integral part of the boating community, I am writing you to oppose SB 1589. The bill is unjust and favors only non-boaters, like kayakers, stand up paddle boarders, etc. The bill assumes that all boaters are unsafe drivers, which is unfair and untrue. Rather than basically banning boating and the fun that comes along with it, I encourage you to focus your efforts on educating ALL water users. Science also shows that weighing boats and surfing does not negatively affect the ecosystems of the river. With so much of the Portland metro area already shut down to boaters that want to participate in watersports, please do not take another section of the river away from just one group. With the past two years of Covid, one of the few activities that we've been able to enjoy is being outside on our boat and taking advantage of all of the beauty and fun that Oregon has to offer. It has brought such joy to us in dark times. Please consider denying SB 1589.

Thank you for your time.