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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1589

I am land owner and Clackamas County/ Oregon voter. Myself, family and friends are in strong opposition of this bill. We are 3rd generation boaters and second generation land owners on the upper Willamette River. Boating, including towed watersports, on this great stretch of Oregon's waterway is our favorite form of recreation and the main reason we live where we do. I believe the arguments for this bill are extremely disingenuous. I think we all know that the people in favor of this bill are the extremely wealthy and influential property owners on the stretch of river known as the Newberg Pool. I believe their concern is for their opulent docks and boat houses. If they truly are concerned for wildlife and fish habitat, their massive floating structures go against all of O.D.F.W Residential Dock guidelines. It is a cited scientific fact in O.D.F.W. Residential dock guidelines that overwater structures " alter fish behavior, predatory prey relationships, and diminish habitat function. These huge docks and boat houses violate all O.D.F.W Residential Dock guidelines in regards to size, light penetration, and materials. As a landowner I'm aware of the permits associated with residential docks and am very curious what sort of corruption allows, new triple bay boathouses with numerous new pilings to be permitted. It seems absolutely criminal to me that an extremely wealthy minority can rob us of a great public waterway. Meanwhile, they are allowed to exploit the river and shoreline however they want. I hope that the senators see what a passionate, responsible, and organized group of voters, Oregon Families For Boating are, and consider this when voting on SB1589. Thank you