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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB1589

Good day,

My name is Lisa Ippolito & I am OPPOSED to SB 1589. I am a 20 year waterfront owner in Wilsonville on the Willamette river. In the 20 years that I've lived here, there has been no erosion to our shoreline nor our neighbors. My family spends 6 months of the year on the water to do all activities (waterski, paddle board, kneeboard, wakeboard, wake surf). My daughter has taught both school and sport friends to learn these activities. Being active and staying off phones, video games, computers is vital to our kids wellbeing.

If this law passes, we will not be able to use our boat & this is why we moved to the river. We will be left with an asset that will have no value! Plus, this law will devalue our house and property.

It's very upsetting that there was no outreach to the boating community when these laws were being created! All stakeholders should be included and involved to help find a long-term solution. At a minimum, a long-term study on the upper Willamette should be done to determine what actually causes erosion. The study needs to cover multiple seasons & years so that all weather conditions are factored in. Education to waterfront owners on how to maintain their yards & land to the shoreline is key.

Clear cutting and improper drainage is more dangerous & harmful to the water banks than boat waves. Owners NEED to be accountable for taking preventive care of their property. Targeting & blaming boatowners for any erosion damage is biased, and not based on any facts whatsoever.

Negative impact to the fish habitat is another poor excuse to push this law through.

Fisheries experts say that boats have little to no impact on fish runs since the fish and boats are not in the river at the same times. Again, where is the official study on this?? If boats impact fish habitat, then ALL boats should be banned from the river, inclusive of fishing boats.

Targeting certain boats or activities on the water is not only heartbreaking but injustice. If erosion or fish habitat is truly the reason for this bill proposal, why hasn't any state or federal agency been involved? And why only this small stretch of waterway in all of Oregon is being targeted? Please listen to the majority of the waterfront owners and people who testified that this bill is severe & there's no real justification that boats are being detrimental to the shoreline or fish. Do what's right by keeping an open mind & supporting the majority. Stop this bill as there is no scientific proof that boats cause erosion or hurt the fish & this bill will negatively impact thousands of people!

Thank you for listening from a waterfront owner!