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I have used this beautiful stretch of the Willamette for the last 20 years, my family even longer. Now I, along with countless others who share the same love for this river are in the industry doing what we love. We all depend on this stretch of the river to keep a roof over our heads, food on the table, and warmth in our homes. SB 1589 would destroy countless families and small businesses. Quite literally putting families on the street. This bill is only supported by a very small minority of people who share a radical and special interest for their own gain. We are better than imposing a SB which favors the few and creates a very public segregation. As someone who has followed this so closely over the last few years, it is undeniable and indisputable that a massive majority of people who live on and/or use this stretch oppose SB 1589. The 10k weight restriction in place now already hurts these important small businesses. A 5k weight restriction would be a death sentence. Justice is needed.