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On Behalf Of:

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My family and I live very close to Willsonville and the Newberg Pool. We love watersports but especially love wakeboarding and surfing. One of the main reasons we purchased a boat was to do these activities with our family and friends in the Newberg Pool in the Willamette River. It was very disappointing to learn of the limiting rules and regulations put in place restricting what should be a public-use waterway. I greatly support SB 1590, increasing public access to towed water sports for many families along the Newberg Pool. Please make the appropriate changes to bring back the ability for all to enjoy the waterways, including greater access to wakeboarding and surfing in the river with higher factory boat weight limits. The current limits are unrealistic and prevent larger boats from towing riders. It has been proven through peer-reviewed scientific studies that wakes are not a significant factor in erosion, and the current policies are restricting our ability to enjoy the river.

Thanks for your consideration,

Bret and Jenny Davis