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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I feel strongly that you should oppose SB 1590, introduced by Senator Mark Meek.

I have lived in this area for 60 years. As a kid our family would boat on the Willamette River out of Newberg, fishing and water skiing. Everyone on the river was courteous and used the resources with appropriate respect.

The environment has changed now and is shared with more varied uses. The number of paddle crafts on the river has increased more than any other craft. I too now paddle on this river and enjoy the nature and sport it provides. The river should be shared by all; boaters, fisherman and paddlers without damaging our river resources and with respect to everyone's safety.

There is outstanding evidence provided herein and previously about the damage that excessive wakes are doing to our natural resource. These large wakes not only effect paddlers, swimmers and structural docks, but can also do significant damage to the environment and fish habitat at the shoreline so desperately needed to preserve our fish populations. This is a fragile zone. It is our responsibility to minimize what impact we impose on the river. Large wake boats do not have a place here.

Please oppose SB 1590. My hope is for future generations to enjoy this river with all the natural resources intact as I have for years.

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