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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire

Measure: SB1590

I support SB1590 and urge the Oregon Legislature to vote for this bill. This bill would increase access to the Willamette River for my family and hundreds of others like mine. The provisions of SB1590 restore safety measures and education requirements that will help ensure boaters can safely enjoy use of this amazing natural resource while also protecting against property owner damage and unnecessary environmental damage along key stretches of the river. The evidence shows that the goals of boater safety, environmental protection, and property preservation can all be achieved without the overreaching and unnecessary blanket restrictions currently in place, and SB 1590 advances the achievement of those goals. Passage of this bill will mean my family and others can enjoy our recreational boating activities locally, rather than driving further distances to other bodies of water. There is no doubt in my mind that with adequate resources attributed for education and enforcement, all stakeholders will be satisfied with the outcomes promoted in this bill. Please pass SB1590! Thank you.