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My name is Brooklyn Finch, I am 14 years old - I was born and raised in Oregon and I love boating with my family. I am the youngest of four kids – I have two older brothers and one older sister. My parents first bought a boat during COVID. Boating is the perfect sport for our family because we are all different ages and different skill levels, but none of that matters because everyone has fun on the boat.

My favorite sport is wake-boarding. Learning how to wake-board has given me confidence in my athletic ability and confidence in life overall. For example, last summer my mom and I participated in the “Let HER Rip” boating event that is all about empowering confidence in females both behind the boat surfing and off the water in regular life. We also took part in the “Women’s Clinic” designed to teach us how to drive the boat and build community on the river.

I even have my boaters license. Driving the boat is a big responsibility and I take it very seriously. The class is nearly 30 hours long and taught me all of the boating regulations and important safety procedures. I am proud to drive the boat – especially since I can’t drive a car yet.

I am an A student at Rosemont Ridge Middle School. Please vote yes on SB 1590, it means so much to me.

Thank you for your time,
Brooklyn Finch