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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1590

My name is Deirdre Molander, I grew up water-skiing in Oregon and now I wake board and wake surf with my kids. As the kids get older, their interests change, and they have less time, but we all love boating, so it remains a constant activity that everyone has fun doing together.

The kids also like to bring their friends on the boat. It's great to watch my kids teach their friends – they are remarkably patient - bend knees, straight arms, weight back (over and over again). Then finally they are so proud when their friends eventually get up on the board and learn to surf behind the boat. Parents love getting the blooper videos (fall after fall in the water) and then ultimately their kid up on the board with a big smile on their face.

Since 2022 we haven't been able to boat off the dock that is just 10-minutes from our house. I'm here to ask you to go back to the rules before SB 1589 passed in 2022.

Those rules came from years of work by the Oregon Marine board and the various stakeholders for the Newberg Pool (paddlers, homeowners, businesses, boaters). They represent a compromise that includes zones for specific sports and a boating endorsement that required extensive water safety education for towing. The process was deliberate and collaborative – the rules they came up with make sense and they allow everyone to enjoy the water safely.

I'm asking you to vote yes on SB 1590 – go back to the solution that all the local stakeholders came up with so families can share the water again.

Thank You,
Deirdre Molander