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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
900 Court Street NE
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Re: Public Testimony for HB 2982; Relating to small watercraft.

Dear House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

As an avid kayaker, I strongly support HB 2982.

Invasive species cause untold damage to recreational opportunities and harm to industries based on fishing and agriculture. The fees mentioned in HB2982 are an incredibly small trade-off for the assurance these threats are being considered and mitigated.

I proudly carry my Aquatic Invasive Species permit in my lifejacket. It is a concrete badge of honor that shows I care about protecting our environment. I encourage my friends to do the same. The price of the tag and the size of the boat it applies to is inconsequential to the importance of the effort.

Thank you for your vote supporting HB 2982

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