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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Dear Committee -

I am writing you to express my strong and passionate support for Senate Bill 301.

Thank you for taking time to consider a bill near and dear to me. The restrictions on the Upper Willamette have been crushing - it has changed the way we do our summers, and who gets to tag along for the enjoyment of celebrating the outdoors.

We live in Charbonneau/Wilsonville, work in Newberg - bought a Used 23' boat 30 days before the restrictions took effect. We are 50lbs over IF ALL ballast was full (which we have never boated like that - boat doesn't function the way it's supposed to if that was the case!).

After being on the river dozens of times a year with friends and family, we have only been there ONCE since. Means we have lost not only our recreational time, but opportunities for employees and local friends to do things they can't otherwise afford, buy local gas, support restaurants, buy snacks and more from the local communities.

Please support SB 301, and bring back the vibrant and passionate towed-watersports family! We look forward to supporting local business and communities near the river!

Thank you for your consideration and support,
Ben Root