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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Dear Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Paul Crutcher and I'm an active user of the Willamette River. I am writing you to express my strong support for Senate Bill 301. The towed water sports community has a very simple and reasonable request with this legislation to be treated equally to all other boat users in the deep waters of the Newberg Pool.

I do not believe it is fair to exclude boats from the Newberg Pool simply because they are capable of taking on ballast. Ballast is not required for tubing, water skiing or wakeboarding, so it doesn't seem reasonable to exclude boats on that basis alone. Now that wake surfing is allowed past the Hawthorne bridge, allowing boats with ballast to tube, water ski or wake board in the Newberg Pool will enable boaters to take full advantage of the space the river provides without congesting certain areas because of ballast. Also, it allows home owners along the river to use boats with ballast for acceptable activities instead of outlawing their boats.

I appreciate you taking the time to visit this issue and urge you to pass SB 301.

Thank you!!

Paul Crutcher