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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 Nic Tjaden, and I have had the pleasure of enjoying family boating activities on the upper Willamette since I was a child. We have shared many memorable moments together on the waterway and because I want to be able to recreate those memories with my kids that are around that same age, I am writing you to express my strong support for Senate Bill 301. Equal access should be allowed for all responsible boat operators that complete a towed boat sports program and meet a reasonable dry weight limit in the Newberg Pool.

Due to current restrictions, our family boat, while weighing much less than the weight limit, is limited to only cruising and is prohibited from towing our kids on skis, a knee board, or a tub, simply because it is equipped with ballasts. The boat, as are many newer tow boats, is also equipped with a plate that allows the trim to be adjusted, which effectively decreases and disperses the wakes to nearly the size of a small watercraft.

It's time to respectfully revisit and revise the language to allow equal opportunity to all responsible boat operators that do not impact the shores of our public waterway.

Respectfully,

Nic Tjaden