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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

I am writing to oppose SB 301. I am a member of the Salem Rowing Club, and we practice on the Willamette River at Independence. It is my personal opinion that wake boats are dangerous for everyone else on the river, except those in or being towed by the wake boat itself. I see this daily on the river during the summer. Any time a wake boat comes by, everyone else on the river has to stop their paddle and move to shore so they don't get flipped or take on water. Last summer a wake boat caused a large enough wave that it broke one of our 4-person rowing shells. Too busy trying to hold our boat together enough to get back to the ramp, we weren't able to get the boat's numbers in order to call it in to the sheriff. I can imagine the people at Newberg Pool are experiencing the same types of things. I don't want to limit anyone's access to the river, however there are other places these wake boats can go. Please protect the Willamette, its users, its wildlife, its banks and riverbed, and everyone's peace.