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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

Dear Committee considering SB301.

I am opposed to the SB301.

The Oregon Marine Board banned ballasting in the Newberg Pool 15 years ago.

Many boaters ignored the rules back then and it was impossible to enforce, as to whether someone was using their ballast or not.

The current rules make it easier to enforce by providing a sticker to compliant users.

This new bill would essentially allow everyone to get a sticker and we would be back to trying to enforce a rule on non-use of ballast.

It didn't work 15 years ago and it won't work now.

Let's not go back in time, when so much progress has been made to protect the environment in this narrow stretch of river.

Yours sincerely,

John Turner