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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,

I am writing you to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 301. The existing legislation's ballast capacity requirement is an effective and sensible measure that helps protect the Willamette river in the Newberg Pool from the disastrous effects of the destructive oversized wakes produced by the massive wakeboard boats that boat retailers are currently selling and consequently the existing legislation does not need to be changed. Unfortunately, these same boat dealers won't let the issue alone and each time a set of smart, responsible rules are put in place by the legislature or the State Marine Board those boat dealers use their deep pockets to start a campaign to get the rules overturned. Please don't allow them to continue to put their very narrow interests (simply to sell more boats) over the interests of everyone else who loves the Willamette and just wants to see it taken care of.

Thank you.