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Hello,

I am a resident of Sherwood, Or. I am a firefighter in the city of Portland, and I am an avid boater on the various waterways in Oregon. I am writing in hopes that the bill passed to restrict wake surfing, wakeboarding, and even tubing through the Newberg pool area be repealed. This impact of this bill has been to privatize that entire area for the benefit of the wealthy that have docks through that space.

Boating in that area has been the joy of my families time throughout the lives of my children. We cannot afford to live on the river like some of these other families.. but we can.. when we have time away from our jobs protecting Oregonians.. take our kids down to the river and decompress in a way that doesn't compare to any other family activities. It is a way to get my kids off their phones.. away from the tv.. and enjoy nature, the sun, and time with friends and family.

Please look into this.. keep our water ways free to use for ALL Oregonians.. without favoring any. Boats shouldn't have to leave the river for paddle boarders.. nor should paddle boarders leave because of boaters.. I'm sure there is some compromise that can be made.. to ensure that every Oregonian can exercise their right to use our public water ways. Thank you!

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