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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB301

My name is Cheryl Sproul and our family has been long time users of the Willamette River. I am in strong support of the senate bill 301. Ballast capacity is not the true weight capacity of a boat. Owners of a particular make or trim level should not be penalized for specifications of other models within their make that have larger ballast capacities.

Not being able to safely enjoy the river with our family and doing the sports that we love for a few months of the year has robbed our family of quality time together that has created so many beautiful memories that brought our family together as a unit.

Newberg pool is one of Oregon's most regulated bodies of water, imposing unfair requirements and fees. We support boater education but excluding 90% of recreational boats models from the river is not the resolution. Please support local small businesses and families like mine by passing this small yet meaningful ask.

Respectfully, Cheryl Sproul