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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or SB165  
Topic:

I strongly oppose SB165. This bill undermines the principle of fair and equitable treatment of property owners. It encourages the state to prioritize a subjective policy goal (public access) over objective, measurable standards (fair market value). If the state wishes to expand public access to waterways, it should do so through transparent acquisition, public planning processes, and with respect to private property rights. Short-cutting those processes and setting aside fair valuation does not serve the long-term interests of the public or the property owners who are impacted. Please do NOT pass this bill. Vote NO on SB165.