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Dear Chair Witt, Vice Chair Gorsek, and Members of the House Natural Resources Committee;

Firstly, thank you for your service to Oregon as Legislators. We appreciate your tireless work to make life better for Oregonians - often a thankless job.

I write to you today on behalf of the board of the Oregon Yacht Club, a moorage of 39 floating homes located at river mile 15.7 on the East bank of the Willamette river (south end of the Holgate Channel). We experience first-hand the effects of excessive wakes on our property and environment.

We support HB 2351 because:

- Non-motorized boaters, other users, residents and property owners have serious problems with excessive wake danger, damage and breakage. The passage of HB 2351 will give the Oregon State Marine Board the authority it needs to begin to address this problem.
- The powerful wakes generated by newly developed wake technology (i.e. wake enhancing devices) are eroding our shoreline at an alarming speed. Large chunks of bank side soil are sloughing off into the river as these excessive wakes continue to undercut the river bank.
- Excessive wakes create dangerous conditions for all river users - especially during peak recreational times when many users must share the river. River mile 15.7 is a congested area already because of shallow river depths and other geographic factors.
- The OSMB does not currently represent other boaters and river users at the same level as wake and surf boaters. OSMB is funded primarily by motorized boater registration fees.
- The OSMB needs specific authority by this legislation to enact rules which will support what other state agencies and local governments are already doing to protect the shoreline.

OSMB needs to adopt rules and regulations that consider and protect the shoreline, fish, vegetation, and riparian wildlife, ALL river users and residents. We will all benefit from a better managed river. We, therefore, urge you to vote **YES** in **support** of HB 2351. Thank you.

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