

Environment Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200
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Good afternoon Senators Kennedy and Chapin, Representatives Albis and Shaban and Members of the Environment Committee.

I am Susan Ryan of Old Greenwich and here to speak in support of **Senate Bill 699 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM AGE FOR TOWING ANY PERSON BY VESSEL AND REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF A SAFE TOWING COURSE PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN SUCH TOWING BY VESSEL.**

As a member of the United States Power Squadrons, and a NASBLA-certified instructor, I teach our Safe Boating Course to the public. We feel that a better educated boater is a safer boater and strive to inspire our students always to be anticipating problems before they might happen.

By requiring a safe towing course before a boater is able to tow a water-skier or a tuber, Bill 699 reinforces the importance of a boat operator knowing how to tow safely.

As a concerned member of the Greenwich boating community, I fully support this bill.

I thank you all for highlighting this issue, and assure you that the United States Power Squadrons will be happy to help in any way with the implementation of the Bill.

Thank you,

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