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**From:** Thomas Brielmann <tbrielmann@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** NO to Proposed Bill h6256

Dear House Finance Members and other esteemed members of our Rhode Island government,

I am writing to express my concern about the potential implementation of additional taxes that could negatively impact the boating industry in Rhode Island.

The boating industry is currently thriving here, and I believe this is partly due to the current tax environment. Rhode Islanders already face a significant tax burden, including high sales tax, taxes on retirement earnings, and property taxes. Adding further financial strain through new taxes on boating could have serious repercussions.

Many boaters may find such an additional burden unsustainable, potentially leading them to move their boats, and consequently their business, out of state. This could result in a decline in Rhode Island's boating industry, which would be detrimental to our local economy, especially during these already challenging times.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Sincerely,

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