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To:

House Finance Committee

Subject:

H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy.

I live in Connecticut, but I bought a boat in Rhode Island and keep it there partly because of the boat tax in Connecticut. At least review the boat taxation in neighboring states, and compromise on something lower than the usual sales tax to keep the industry thriving.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely, Alan Smith Granby CT