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Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. As can be seen above, I make my living in the marine industry. I cannot emphasize to you enough how this state is the envy of many others because of our tax status.

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

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

Sincerely, Capt. Andrew J. Cook