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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Good afternoon ....

As an avid boater and a tax payer in East Greenwich, I am opposed to RI reinstituting a tax on those of us that have worked so hard to enjoy life on the water ... even if it is only 12-16 weeks of the year!

Those of us in the boating community due our share in spending money on things that go along with boating ... fuel, mooring/ docking fees, visiting other RI ports and communities, entertainment of guests ... Probably more food & drink than those that don't enjoy the boating world.

Appears RI has done just fine without this tax, and I find it bias to reinstate it. Are you thinking about taxing people with in ground swimming pools, or campers, or airplanes?

Those of us that have worked hard, and able to enjoy the benefits of boating, need not to carry an extra tax burden ....

Make this decision as if you were a boat owner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Barbara Doorley

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