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From: Brian Bacon <m80brian@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:15 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H-6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

My name is Brian Bacon, I own and operate Big Game Sportfishing Charters in Point Judith RI. We are a 2 boat operation that has people come to Rhode Island and fish with us from all over the country. Which also brings business to local tackle shops, hotels and restaurants. We are a seasonal business operating from June through November. My annual income is made in these 6 months. Its extremely hard as is to make a paycheck fighting weather and mechanical issues in the marine industry. As a captain, operator, and owner I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats and sales tax of vessel related gear will drive both boaters and my charter operation out of business and out of the state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy. The cost of running a fishing charter business is though the roof, and by adding tax on items we need just to operate, will absolutely cripple my business

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry and small business charter operations!!

Sincerely,

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