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**From:** Brian Commette <Brian.Commette@NorthropandJohnson.com>  
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To all RI legislators:

Re: H6256

Strenuous objection!

The lack of a sales tax on boats in RI has been a bonanza for the state. I have customers from nearby states who keep their boats in RI for both summer and winter seasons. What those owners spend on marine supplies, gas, diesel, lodging, restaurants, dockage, storage, labor, etc. has likely never been calculated.

As a yacht broker, I see brokers from taxing jurisdictions move their customer's large yachts to RI waters to complete a closing. This involves marine surveyors, local shipyards, lodging and dining and more. What the large yachts spend every day here in RI is a significant figure that may not be easy to calculate.

A tax would be shortsighted at best and ignorant at worst.

You may contact me with any questions.



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