

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island marine business owner and lifelong 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.

As covid funds finally work their way through the economy and rapid changes contribute to a volatile economic environment, this would be yet another challenge that marine businesses in the state would have to absorb and may or may not survive it.

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

Sincerely,

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