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From: Cullen McCoy <cullen@oceanhousemarina.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 11:29 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and a professional within the marine industry, I am writing to express my strong opposition to H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats would undoubtedly compel boaters and marine businesses to leave Rhode Island, which would negatively impact our state's economy and local jobs.

It's important to recognize that boating in Rhode Island is enjoyed by people from all walks of life, and is not just a niche hobby for the rich. Every day, I encounter individuals who have worked and saved diligently to finally purchase a boat, as well as those who work hard each week simply to afford to spend time on the water with their families.

Rhode Island's location between Massachusetts, with a 6.25% tax, and Connecticut, at 2.99%, currently positions us as an attractive place for boaters seeking refuge, and in turn, they bring their business to our state. With our deep-rooted boating history and our identity as the Ocean State, it is crucial that we remain competitive.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote no on H6256.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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