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**Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats**

**Dear House Finance Committee,**

**As a 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**

I am a Massachusetts resident and strongly agree with the above statements. We keep our boat in Warwick Cove. Owning, running and storing a boat has become very challenging as the cost of all these has risen dramatically. The result of this has impacted small and medium size boaters in particular. Many boaters in the Warwick Cove have already given up and sold their boats. The owners of the boats in the Warwick Cove and I'm sure other communities around Rhode Island as well, contribute greatly to the local economy beyond the marina where their boat is kept.

I feel this bill will disproportionately impact small and medium size boat owners driving more of them out of the sport. Please consider the projected revenue from the tax against the potential loss of tax revenue from the impacted businesses in the industry. Also, please consider the possibility of creating yet another area of society that is pushing out the average person and only within reach of the wealthy.

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

**Sincerely,**

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