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Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Ron Bethel; Brian Bethel; Virginia Villatoro
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

We went through these years back, when Ronald Regan put a 10% tax on all boats over \$100,000. The tax was not correctly implemented, and it put a scare in entire yachting community. Southern Massachusetts and RI lost several manufacturers, Hundreds of Jobs, and boaters fled the state. A gentleman named Ken Kubic and the RI Marine Trades fought diligently to remove the 10% tax, but also other taxes (Sales and Property) connected to the boat and yacht industry. The waters of Rhode Island support the state very well now and the industry is flourishing. **DON'T BE A STUPID POLITICIAN, VOTE NO ON BILL H6256**

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.

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

Sincerely,

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