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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Hello,

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. This is what happened when RI instituted a tax on boats in the past only to remove them after several boat manufacturers were forced out of business and the marinas in RI lost business. Having no tax on boats is an advantage RI has over other states like Connecticut and Massachusetts. RI also attracts boaters from neighboring states like these which keeps the boating industry and related business in the state fully occupied and the many people who work for them employed. As in the past, it would be a huge mistake for H6256 to pass and for taxes on boats be reinstituted.

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

Sincerely,

Donald Lane