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From: Elizabeth duPont <seascopenewport@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:25 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear Rep. Abney,

I am writing to oppose the tax on boats and related businesses.

I spent more than 3 decades working (and eventually owning) a vintage and classic yacht restoration and charter business in Newport. We restored, maintained and complied with USCG regulations to operate a fleet of sail boats and power boat ranging from 39' to 70' including 2 historic America's Cup yachts. We specialized in team building aboard those vessels and corporations from around the world would book the meetings in Newport for the experience. The spin off business for hotels, restaurants, shops, catering, etc. definitely impacted the local economy.

As a small, seasonal business (operating in season, maintaining off season) this tax would have devastated my company. I am now retired but am concerned about the other similar businesses that would be affected.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Tiedemann
Newport, RI

Sent from my iPhone