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**To:** House Finance Committee  
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Dear House Finance Committee

As a lifelong Rhode Islander and avid boater I beg you to reconsider this ill-conceived taxation on all things marine. The purpose of the tax exemption was to support and encourage Rhode Island's maritime infrastructure ranging from manufacturing, service, sales and recreation and tourism. It has been a significant bright spot for Rhode Island and has generated a thriving boating and tourism industry. The short term revenue gains will soon pale compared to the long term losses in all these areas. (Just witness what tariffs are doing to the national economy...) Furthermore, this H6256 was proposed 4/23/2025 and goes to a vote 14 days later 5/6/2025 ? Is this typical for major financial plans ? Not one boater I spoke to on 5/4 /25 had even heard of H6256 yet ! How do we all get to make our voices heard on such short notice? This does not speak well of an open government.

Please do not pass H6256.

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