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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fwd: Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boat owner and fisherman, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and our economy.

The Rhode Island marine industry experienced significant growth after the repeal of sales tax on boats in 1993. This policy change has been credited with attracting more boaters, boosting employment, and fostering a thriving environment for skilled boat builders and professionals. The no-tax policy extends to not only the purchase of boats but also related services like dockage, repairs, and mooring fees.

This is simply another tax and will have a harmful impact on the Rhode Island economy.

Sincerely,

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