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From: Jim Ciolino <jim@bullockcovemarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 6256 – Protect RI Marine Jobs!

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to express my vehement opposition to House Bill 6256. As a small marine business owner in Riverside, I can't stress enough the importance this bill NOT passing. The boating industry is a critical part of Rhode Island commerce in general, but as a boatyard owner in Riverside, its health is critical to my business. The idea that taxing the rich, or maybe not even the rich but the masses, would provide an abundance of tax revenue would ultimately hurt business like mine in the long run.

I've owned Bullock Cove Marine for a little over 14 years now and it wasn't always easy. Buying a small business like mine took a lot of money and a lot of hard work and long hours. In the past four years or so, we have turned a corner and my business is thriving. I have real concerns that the passing of this bill would erase much of the gains that I've made for my business. I've added jobs that would be threatened if this bill passes. My sales would decrease, which then affects how I operate my business, how I pay my employees, and how I maintain my marina. Opposing this bill will allow me to continue to grow, allow me to hire more people, and maintain a facility that makes the neighborhood proud that I'm here. This is good for my business of course, but it is also for Rhode Island.

Please DO NOT PASS THIS BILL!

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