

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** John J. Andrew <andjj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:39 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** HB6256

Good afternoon,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

To add to the standard language, I got into boating in just the past year after having lived in RI for a decade. Part of what finally got me into it was how boater-friendly the state has always seemed. It's barely affordable as it is, but if you start adding taxes to it, I have no doubt it will drive people like me off the water.

John Andrew  
Jamestown, RI (not the rich part, I work for a living)