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**From:** John Burnham <johnsburnham@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:42 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** House Bill 6256 - Don't tax boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and supporter of the recreational marine industry, I strongly oppose H6256.

A substantive marine industry within our state complements our amazing natural access to the water as the Ocean State, and our sales tax policy in recent years has preserved jobs and infrastructure despite other market forces working against us.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy

Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

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