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From: John Gifford <johnegiffordjr@yahoo.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Please consider us taxpayers and ask the state to instead reduce the spending across all departments by 5-10%. Continued taxation is the wrong approach. Stop the spending.

Sincerely,

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