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From:

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Sent: To: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:25 AM House Finance Committee

Subject:

Opposition H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am a commercial Rod and Reel fisherman and recreational boater here in RI, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating this tax would decimate the rod and reel fishing industry. Most of these fish are landed on vessels 17-29 ft with crews of 1-3 people. Most of the guys I fish with are retired and fish to supplement their income. There isn't enough money for me to do this full time and support my family. A tax on top of the licensing would put me in the red.

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

Sincerely,

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