

To Whom It May Concern:

As a marina owner in Rhode Island, I am opposing House Bill H6256 (boat tax). This is not only unfair to marina owners but also their existing customers. It is my understanding that new boatowners will also be affected.

Rhode Island tried to do this years ago but failed. If this bill passes, it will be the end for many marinas. Boating is a luxury and, to take this away from them because they cannot afford the tax, is just not fair to them at all. It will also affect the remaining marinas extensively.

I am a family owned marina dating back to 1938 when my grandfather started a small dock. I am now third generation and would hate to see boating take a nose dive. It would be disastrous.

I am asking that you reconsider passing Bill H6256, since I feel that it will hurt the Rhode Island economy like no one has ever seen before.

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