

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Stephen A <amaralstephen9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:49 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

[Your Name] Stephen Amaral  
[Your Town] Barrington

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**From:** Ken Arsenault <ken.arsenault8@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:38 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No to H6256  
**Attachments:** No to House Bill H6256.pdf

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**From:** wendy.arr27 <wendy.arr27@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:55 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance, Committe,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

Wendy Arrenegado

Warren, RI 02885

Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** jsajaj@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee - As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt all 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  
Jamail Ajaj, North Kingstown

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** DIANE AMARAL <quiltdsa@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose H6256

Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee - As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt all 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,  
Diane S Amaral  
86 Buena Vista Drive  
NK RI 02852

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**From:** John Amaral <jdamit94@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** I Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt all 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,

John D Amaral  
86 Buena Vista Dr.  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Julie Anthony <jwmanthony1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Greg Anthony  
**Subject:** Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee:

As a RI boater I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt our local commercial and recreational economy. We already pay registration fees every year to compensate for the lack of property tax on boats in RI. This bill will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state and threaten local jobs at a precarious time for the economy. It will also hurt local towns and cities who depend on a healthy commercial and recreational boating environment.

Please VOTE NO on H6256. Keep RI boating friendly!

Julianna Anthony  
17 Fish Hawk Lane  
Bristol

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Julie Anthony  
617-312-7223  
[jwmanthony1@gmail.com](mailto:jwmanthony1@gmail.com)

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**From:** Yahoo <captjoeaiello@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Say no to boat tax

To ever it may concern:

I am a boat owner and am celebrating 30 years in Bussiness as a sport fishing charter service here in Newport, RI.

It has come to my attention that a small group is trying reinstate boat tax in RI.

This will result in boat leaving the state and would reverse years of growth in our state economy.

Spending would decline and small marine businesses and local jobs will suffer.

The way the economy is already going with this new administration will be devastating if they pass this rediculous legislation.

Sincerely, Captain Joseph R.Aiello

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30 Years of Newport Fishing Charters!**

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**From:** robert adams <rmaeasthill@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:56 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat Tax

If the State wants to lose billions in revenue go ahead and tax boats. You have no idea the amount of revenue that the marine industry brings into this state. If you need another revenue source or I should say legalized scam for the state look in the mirror and cut your own budgets.

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**From:** Glenn Almquist <glennalmquist@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; Rep. Kazarian, Katherine S.  
**Cc:** Glenn Almquist  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

As a lifetime Rhode Island resident and 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 on our economy.

- In addition, a large percentage of boats that are kept in RI are owned by out of state individuals. These people not only keep their boats in RI but also support the marine and tourism industry (i.e. spending money from which local businesses, the state, and municipalities receive financial benefits).

- Please vote NO on H6256. Don't swamp Rhode Island's marine industry related to our Blue Economy initiative.

- Glenn Almquist  
East Providence, RI

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**From:** Merrill Anderson <manderson@planetfranklin.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

As+a+Rhode+Island+boater,+I+strongly+oppose+H6256.

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,

Merrill anderson  
Coventry ri

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**From:** Jeffery Andrews <jandrews5357@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:58 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

[Your Name]jeffery andrews  
[Your Town]coventry

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**From:** Jeremiah Adler <jadler@adlerbros.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:41 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to H6256- Don't Tax Boats

Dear Members of the 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.

Sincerely,  
Jeremiah Adler  
Smithfield, RI

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**From:** Jocelyn Antonio <joantoni@bu.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H-5760  
**Attachments:** H-5760, Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).pdf

Hi,

I would like to submit my written testimony for H-5760.

Thank you,

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Jocelyn Antonio, MPH (she/her/hers)

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**From:** Fred Acciardo <fpa9030@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat Tax - nay

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.

Sincerely,  
Frederick P Acciardo  
Barrington, RI 02806

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**From:** Rich Amico <amico.rich@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose 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.

Sincerely,

Rich Amico  
South Kingstown



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**From:** Greg Anthony <greg@greganthony.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Bill 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.

Sincerely,

Greg Anthony  
17 Fish Hawk Lane  
Bristol, RI 02809  
617-967-0367 Mobile  
greg@greganthony.com

**From:** Deb Andrade <debandrade273@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:11 PM  
**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.**

**Sincerely,  
Debbie  
Coventry, RI**

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**From:** Caroline A <coveside62@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; Rep. Dawson, Matthew S.  
**Subject:** H 6256 - taxing boats

Dear members of the Committee and Rep Dawson:

We write in opposition of bill H6256.

Due to the consolidation of the marina industry, boaters are already facing exorbitant rates for dockage and services. The poor man's solution used to be a mooring, but not any more. Those fees have increased in many municipalities too. This tax is just an additional hardship that will price many out of boating altogether.

The waterways of our Ocean State should be accessible to all Rhode Islanders - not just the wealthy.

Don't tax fun - vote no.

Respectfully,

Stephen & Caroline Allen  
Riverside, RI

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**From:** Marisa Almon <marisajva@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:27 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Say no to proposed House Bill 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.

Sincerely, Marisa Vitali Gallo  
14 Alden Ave Warwick RI

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**From:** John J. Andrew <andjj@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:14 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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.

John Andrew

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**From:** Edward Audet <edwardpaudet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:25 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

As RI boater I strongly oppose H6256

South Kingstown

Edward P. Audet

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**From:** Joseph Arceri <josepharceri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:06 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boater tax

With such a limited season for these marinas to make money to put an additional tax on them, it's just another burden to try to shut them down. These marines bringing valuable tourist dollars to the area. This tax should not be put in place sincerely, Joseph Arceri Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** John Alexander <weedamow@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

I oppose this bill!!!

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**From:** Richard Anderson <exodus@uri.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:01 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No more tax on the middle class .. Boats... Stop giving my hard earned money away to those that haven't earned it .  
Why do we have so many illegals in RI ? To friggin easy to get Welfare .. Driving privileges..Free Cell phones .. free  
Healthcare .. etc .. etc..

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**From:** Kurt Andersen <kandersen175@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:17 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

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**From:** Mark Ardente <mark@ardente.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:07 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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**From:** Edward Aubin <aubinedward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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,

Edward J. Aubin  
Warwick, R.I.

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**From:** Christopher Abbate <chrisabbate@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

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

Sincerely,

[Your+Name]  
[Your+Town]

Best,

Chris Abbate

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**From:** Kayleigh Andreason <kandreas@bu.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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.

Very Respectfully,

Kayleigh Cassella (née Andreason)  
Warwick, RI  
kandreason6@gmail.com  
kandreas@bu.edu  
401-263-9262

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**From:** Leo Arsenault <larsenault2021@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:13 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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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**From:** Roland Aubin <rolandaa@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:09 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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.

My budget is already stretched thin and if this bill passes I will likely sell my trawler which is a very popular model further South and go back to a little day boat. This will remove nearly \$15,000 a year from the RI marine industry and removes one more of the few reasons I still live in this state.

Sincerely, Roland Aubin, Cranston RI.



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**From:** Tom Alexander <tfa.fwe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:10 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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.*

*There is currently enough uncertainty and instability in our economy with the federal tariff situation. Please don't make it worse!*

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

*Sincerely,*

Tom Alexander  
Jamestown  
401-418-0799  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Samuel Adelman <samuel.adelman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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. In fact, as a Massachusetts resident we have chosen to keep our boat in Rhode Island in part due to the lack of taxes on boats in the state.

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

Sincerely,  
Samuel Adelman  
Cambridge, MA

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Samuel Adelman  
978.996.0974

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Peter Abbenante Jr. <peterabbenante@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:45 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** House Bill 6256

To whom it may concern,

Bill 6256 is of great concern to myself and all of the boater I know. Boating is already extremely expensive in the ocean state, for such a short season. Property tax and sales tax on top of all the other fees would make it simply not feasible any longer. Please do not pile this on to the Rhode Island tax payers who are already overburdened with taxers and cost of living.

Thank you,

Peter Abbenante Jr.  
North Kingstown, RI

401-300-9716

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**From:** Mark Amaral <MAmaral@lighthousecg.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:44 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Mark Amaral  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats  
**Attachments:** ABBRA Letter of Opposition - Rhode Island H.B. 6256\_5-6-25.pdf

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Abney  
Chair  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island, 02903

The Honorable Scott Slater  
Vice Chair  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island, 02903

Letter of Opposition – H.B. 6256: An Act Relating To Taxation -- Property Subject To Taxation

Dear Chair Abney, Vice Chair Slater, and Members of the Rhode Island House Committee on Finance:

Dear Representatives,

The American Boat Builders and Repairers Association (ABBRA) writes today to express our strong opposition to House Bill 6256 and urge the Committee not to pass this measure. This bill poses a serious threat to one of Rhode Island's most historically significant and economically vital industries—boat building.

The American Boat Builders and Repairers Association (ABBRA) is a national trade organization, headquartered in Rhode Island, that represents the interests of boatyards, marine service facilities, and boatbuilding and repair businesses across the United States. Founded in 1943, to promote professional development and high standards within the marine industry, ABBRA provides its members with educational programs, technical resources, and a platform for advocacy. The association focuses on workforce development, best practices, and regulatory issues that affect the marine trades, aiming to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of the boat-building and repair industry. Through networking opportunities and industry recognition programs, ABBRA helps businesses stay competitive and connected in a rapidly evolving market.

Boat building is not merely a legacy of Rhode Island's maritime past; it is a thriving cornerstone of our present-day economy and a key driver of innovation, tourism, and employment. The Ocean State is home to some of the most respected boat builders in the country, from small craft artisans to advanced composite manufacturers serving global markets. The maritime industry supports thousands of high-quality jobs, fosters skilled trade education, and contributes significantly to local communities.

Moreover, Rhode Island's marine trades are on the cutting edge of sustainable boat-building practices, utilizing advanced materials and clean technologies. Initiatives led by institutions like the University of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association have helped create a forward-thinking, environmentally responsible industry. Changes in Rhode Island's beneficial tax structure, such as those proposed in H.B. 6256, would stifle this growth and risk driving businesses and jobs out of state.

Boat building is interwoven with our state's identity. It fuels our marine economy, supports vocational training, and anchors small businesses that rely on this ecosystem, from suppliers to service providers and beyond. To jeopardize this sector with legislation that overlooks its full impact would be a disservice to Rhode Island's economic future and cultural heritage.

We respectfully urge you to reconsider the broader consequences of H.B. 6256 and to not pass this measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Amaral

American Boat Builders and Repairers Association

50 Water St.

Warren, RI 02885

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**From:** Peter Andrews <pete\_andrews@safesea.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:34 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256, Don't hurt our most LOCAL Industry

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and owner of a boating industry small business for the past 40 years, I strongly oppose H6256.

Thousands of Rhode Islanders depend on the boating industry in our state for their livelihoods. I'm sure, that you feel that the proposed tax is targeted at the "rich" who own million dollar yachts. What you may not understand is that most boaters in Rhode Island are just regular people, many of them recent immigrants that fish after work to help put food on their families table. I know this because I've been towing them in when their engines fail for the past 40 years. Your tax isn't going to affect the super yachts you see in Newport every summer, but it is going to affect the the average person with their 18' center console boat they launch after work to go dig a few clams or catch a flounder or 2 for their family dinner.

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.

Capt. Pete Andrews  
Safe/Sea Marine Rescue  
www.safesea.com  
pete\_andrews@safesea.com  
office: 401-295-8711  
cell: 401-413-2148

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**From:** Nicholas Antunes <nantunes93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:29 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Say no to proposed House Bill 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.

Sincerely,

**Nicholas Antunes**  
**401-301-4754**

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**From:** David Allen <davidallen999@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:18 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Taxing boats 📧

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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.

Sincerely,

David Allen  
Providence, RI



**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Jennifer La <jennifer\_penguin@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:12 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boating

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.

Sincerely,  
William Allen

"LIFE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF BREATHS WE TAKE, BUT BY THE MOMENTS THAT TAKE OUR BREATH AWAY"

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** David Andrade <dja02809@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:10 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Bill H6256 (boat tax)

My name is David James Andrade and I am a 29 year old commercial Fisherman who is second generation in this trade. There are many elements of my profession that are changing and making this way of life a bit harder than generations before me. This tax bill will surely damage the working waterfront of RI and make it harder for commercial fishermen to make a living. Every year there is an increase in our license fees dockage fees boat registration and insurance. Please reconsider passing this bill I do not support H6256 Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Greg Austin <gregaustin25@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

Dear sirs,

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.

RI has a proud and well known reputation as a seafaring and boating home.  
Don't let this disappear

Greg Austin  
Warwick, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Lynne Alexandrowicz <atlanticbreeze89@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:34 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No Tax on boats

House committee members,

Please do not PASS the bill today to charge tax on Boaters . The state of RI , is why we have our Boat thete , regarding sales tax and Boat purchases and Not paying tax on the boat slip at the Marina .it will destroy the States Marina industry!

Thank you

Lynne Alexandrowicz

508 414 5418

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Kurt Andersen <kandersen175@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:17 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** jsarnold419@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:10 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.  
**Attachments:** Document1.docx

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Please vote NO on H6526. See my attached letter.  
Thank you!

James H. Arnold  
Charlestown, R.I.

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Mark Ardente <mark@ardente.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:07 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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.

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Ernie Almonte <eaabryant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:57 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Letter of opposition to House bill H6256  
**Attachments:** Ernie Almonte letter regarding opposition reinstatement of sales and property tax.pdf

Dear Finance Committee members,

Please accept my attached letter of opposition to House Bill H6256.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Almonte  
Army Reserve Ambassador RI

"A prince, who is not wise himself, will never accept good advice. - Machiavelli



**From:** J.M. Amante <amantejm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:48 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats - it will ruin communities

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. I live in MA and choose to boat in RI because of your favorable tax rules. If taxes were reinstated, I see no reason to struggle with finding slips or moorings in RI or drive a little longer to keep my boat in RI. These tax rules have helped bring boats to RI and many other businesses have benefited. Additionally, communities have been built up and supported around boating. All this will be severely impacted if you now decide to tax boating.*

*Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing locals and others out of access and make other states nearby relatively more attractive for boating, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting the RI economy which has much built around the boating community.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Joseph Amante  
Proponent of North Kingstown and Wickford Cove*

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Christian Antoni <antonichr@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 10:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

I fully understand that exemptions from a tax burden need to be justified and revisited over time. However Rhode Island stands out for its openness to the boaters and the boating industry. It is to a large part which makes RI unique when you are an active sailor.

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will put RI in line with other states and you give a strong advantage away. Overall it will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders.

Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't harm the Rhode Island's marine industry which is unique and the reason why I have my boat in RI and not in another state.

Sincerely,  
Dr C Antoni  
Bedford MA  
(Our boat Ardea's home port is Portsmouth RI)

Sent from my iPad

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Victor Aguiar <vicaguiar@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 6:01 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,

Victor Aguiar  
Bristol, R.I.

Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Bruce Ardente <Bruce@ardente.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:15 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,  
Bruce J Ardente  
providence

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Marc Abromovitz <marcbrahms@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:54 PM  
**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.**  
**Sincerely,**  
**Marc W Abromovitz**  
**76 memorial blvd**  
**Newport ri 02840**  
Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Paul Anderson <psanderson@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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,  
Paul S. Anderson  
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Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Robyn Adams <robyna@thesaltsuite.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

*Dear House Finance Committee,*

*As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. 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,  
Rachael Adams  
Warwick, RI*

**From:** Susan Abramson HomeSmart Professional Real Estate <susanabramsonri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:41 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Do NOT Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee, As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders and businesses by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, manufacturing, and negatively impacting our economy and tourism.

I have an old used center console and can barely afford to keep it running safely. It is one of my last joys in life. Not only wealthy people have boats. It's already a very short season to enjoy it. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine economy

Sincerely,

*Susan Abramson*



## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Stephen Andrusko <sandrusko@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:31 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax vote no!

Sent from my iPhone House Finance Committee  
to Say NO to the Boat Tax

The Committee Hearing is on Tuesday Proposed bill H6256 would reinstate a sales and annual property tax on boats in Rhode Island. Reinstating this tax would reverse years of growth in our state economy and hurt the working families and businesses that rely on recreational boating. This would result in boats leaving the state, spending would decline and small marine

businesses and local jobs will suffer. Make your voice heard before Tuesday. Let's show lawmakers just how strong Rhode Island's boating community is.

Send this email to: [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

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

Steve Andrusko

Westerly

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Susan Arico <sarico4262@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:21 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee

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.

Sincerely,

Susan Arico

Cumberland, RI

Sent from my iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Ryan Anacko <ryan@anackocordage.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Tax the Rich – Pass House Bill #5473

Dear House Finance Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to pass House Bill #5473 and finally tax the wealthiest Rhode Islanders; those making over \$750,000 a year.

We're watching Medicaid, childcare, public schools, and basic services face cuts or collapse, while the top 1% continues to benefit from a system that asks the rest of us to sacrifice. This bill is a chance to do what's right and fair: ask those with the most to give a little more, so the rest of us can simply get by.

This isn't about punishing success. It's about protecting the things families need to survive and thrive. We should be investing in care, in education, in health. And we can, if we have the political will to act. House Bill #5473 gives us that chance.

Now is the time to tax the rich and reinvest in the people of Rhode Island. Please move House Bill #5473 forward and make clear that our budget reflects our values.

Sincerely,

Ryan Anacko

Portsmouth, RI 02871

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Jeffrey C. Adam, CPA <jeff@adamtax.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Sales taxes on boats

**Importance:** High

To whom it may concern:

I am very disappointed but not surprised to see proposed legislation to remove the exemption for the sale of boats in RI for sales tax purposes. While this may seem like an "easy target", it is not that simple.

I worked with the team that drafted the statute 30 years ago when this exemption was put in place. It was a huge effort, but one that has seen the marine industry rise from the ashes to the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest industry. At the time this law was changed, the state was spending more money enforcing and collecting the tax than the revenues generated.

Since the law was changed the industry has seen unprecedented growth and success. The number of direct and indirect jobs in this sector is impressive. Rhode Islanders benefit from this industry and the visitors that come here. Because there isn't a sales tax on boats customers come here, purchase boats, keep them here and have them serviced here. They buy groceries, frequent restaurants, purchase supplies and generate a tremendous amount of business here in our state.

At the time we drafted the statute I was sailing with sailing legend and businessman Ted Hood who said, "Jeff, understand that people will spend more money to avoid a tax, then pay the tax." That was true then and is true now.

I am respectfully requesting that you defeat this proposal. Why mess with a good thing?

Thanks,

Jeff

*Jeffrey C. Adam, CPA*



***Adam Financial, LLP***

41 Long Wharf Mall