

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Baribault <pbarib@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:02 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

I am strongly against this bill. It will destroy RI boating industry.

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]

Peter Baribault

Chris O'Brien

From: Joseph Bailey <josephb1999@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:10 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. Dont sink Rhode Islands marine industry.

Sincerely,
Joe bailey
Exeter

Chris O'Brien

From: Matthew Bosgraaf <mattb@kayakcentre.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition of H6256 from The Kayak Centre of RI

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a local retail shop whose primary business is selling kayaks, we 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. One of our greatest competitive advantages to similar businesses in neighboring states is "no sales tax on kayaks."

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

Sincerely,

Matt Bosgraaf
General Manager & Boat Buyer

The Kayak Centre of RI
70 Brown St.
North Kingstown, RI 02852
401-295-4400

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Bethel <Brian@CertifiedSales.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Brian Bethel; Ron Bethel
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

Many years ago, taxes were placed onto the boats sold in Ri , (and a luxury tax) the boating industry crashed , then the taxes were abolished and it took years and years for the industry to come back to what it is now

Please vote no , this is the ocean state and please tell the politicians that , this is not a way for anouther money grab from the boaters of RI

We are waisting millions on the roads and bridges..

Get the priorities strait ...

Brian Bethel , Pleasant Seaveiw Marina , one bay ave Warwick Ri

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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, Brian Bethel , Warwick Ri

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Dennis & Suzanne Brown <sudenbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:06 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 6256 Bill

Vote no on 6256 tax bill

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Lonnie Barham <lonbarham1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:33 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB6256
Attachments: HB6256.pdf

Chair, House Finance Committee,

Please enter the attached pdf message into the record in opposition to HB6256.

Respectfully,

Lonnie Barham
4 Shawomet Ave
Warwick, RI 02889
401-644-6829

Chris O'Brien

From: Alice Ballon <aliceballon65@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to 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.

Stop taxing everything possible to hurt your residents!!

Sincerely,
Alice
South Kingstown resident

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Buzard <robrazbuz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 2656 - Vote NO

To Members of RI House Finance Committee:

Please vote "no" on this proposed "boat tax" legislation. Instead of levying yet another tax on our residents (many of whom rely on their boats and/or the marine industry for their livelihoods) please consider other alternative sources of revenue or, better yet, please cut some of the spending that is crippling our state and national economies.

Please do NOT end one of the few attractive tax policies that draw numerous industries, boaters, tourists and various other crucial revenue streams to our state! If for no other reason, vote "no" because there is something inherently wrong with the idea of the Ocean State taxing its boaters.

Respectfully,

Robert Buzard
Newport

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Bill Barbour <ri5150bb@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Sent from my iPhone. I concur with David appolonia

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Bethel <Bob@CertifiedSales.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:02 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. The marine industry was hurt back when the luxury tax was put into effect, and taxing boaters could hurt a industry that took years to get back on their feet.

Many boat manufacturers and dealers were put out of business at that time ,
Please don't let it happen again.

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

Sincerely,

Robert Bethel
Warwick

Robert "Bob" Bethel

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Chris O'Brien

From: David Binkley <dnbinkley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

Dear House Finance Committee,

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.

We will not endure an annual property tax, on top of the already high costs associated with owning a boat. Upon selling our boat, what would also disappear from RI is the tens of thousands of dollars we spend every year on gear, supplies, food, alcoholic beverages, ice, parts, services, etc. Please do not support this bill. Please do no further harm to our ocean state!

Sincerely,
David Binkley
30 White Falls Trail, South Kingstown, RI 02879

Chris O'Brien

From: Lenny BRESCIA <lmbrescia@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:16 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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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.

Lenny Brescia
88 E. Shore Rd
Jamestown, RI 02835

Chris O'Brien

From: Anthony Bratica <anthony.bratica@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:08 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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*Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.*

*Sincerely,
Anthony Bratica
Warwick RI*

Anthony Bratica
Chief Officer
Overseas Boston
508-667-0211

Chris O'Brien

From: Domenic Bitto <domenic.bitto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat taxing

"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, Dominic Bitto Tiverton, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: gardiner bowen <gardinerbowen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:23 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Sale tax on boats, VOTe NO

Please vote no on the sales tax on boats in our great state!! Industry needs this advantage! In a word with tariffs we need to keep the states edge.

Gardiner Bowen
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Baccari <beach882000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:02 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Beaulieu <chrisb6200@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:34 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders by making boat ownership less accessible and placing unnecessary strain on a vital sector of our economy.

Furthermore, this proposal would drive boaters and marine businesses to neighboring states with more favorable tax policies, resulting in the loss of jobs and revenue across our coastal communities. The current exemption has helped build a thriving marine industry that benefits marinas, service providers, local clubs, and waterfront towns alike. I firmly believe more funds would be lost if this bill were to pass.

Please vote no on H6256 and continue to support Rhode Island's marine economy.

Thank you,

Chris

Christopher Beaulieu
chrisb6200@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeb Barnes <jebbarnes826@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:32 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposing House Bill H6256
Attachments: House Bill H6256.pdf

To Whom it May Concern,

Please see attached PDF

Thank you

Frank Barnes

Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas Bernache <tjbernache@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:27 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Team,

As a life long RI resident and boater, I ask you to strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstatement of tax on boats will cripple one of RI's largest industries. This will drive many away from boating and significantly reduce income to many small businesses.

We've had to endure the thoughtless and horrific impacts from offshore wind, and now this will further make boating less enjoyable in the "ocean state". Please stop this endless attack on those of us who choose to enjoy the only nice part of our state.

Please support your constituents and oppose this bill.

Sincerely
Thomas Bernache

Chris O'Brien

From: gardiner bowen <gardinerbowen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:23 AM
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Don't sink Rhode Island's

Marine industry.

Sincerely, Dominic Bitto Tiverton, Rhode Island

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Sincerely, Gardiner Bowen



Chris O'Brien

From: John Bordeleau <johnbordeleau@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Re: Oppose HB 6256

Representatives, I ask that you oppose HB 6256. The recreational boating industry is an important segment of the State's economy, we do not need increased tax burden on an industry that helping to employ RI workers and drive state wide spending in our state.

John Bordeleau
401-714-2567
35 Raven Circle
Cranston, RI 02921
johnbordeleau@gmail.com



On May 5, 2025, at 12:05 PM, John Bordeleau <johnbordeleau@gmail.com> wrote:

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John Bordeleau
401-714-2567
johnbordeleau@gmail.com



Chris O'Brien

From: Max Blaschke <blaschke.max321@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:00 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,

[Max Blaschke]
[Charlestown]

Chris O'Brien

From: Paulette Blagburn <p_blagburn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:03 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island fisherman, user of charters, and lover of all RI marine industry, 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,
Paulette Blagburn
Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Bowen <asbowen55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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

Sincerely,

Alex Bowen
Jamestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: David Booth <dgbooth@eastferryinv.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:38 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose state taxes on boats in Rhode Island

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,
David Booth
Summer home at 333 Beavertail Rd, Jamestown, RI 02835*

Legal home: 16201 N Island Ct, PO Box 1548, Boca Grande, FL 33921

Chris O'Brien

From: B.H.I. BOISVERT HOME IMPROVEMENT <boisverthomeimprovement@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:37 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,
Amanda Boisvert
Pascoag, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Alison Bortone <alibortone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

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Sincerely,

Alison Bond
42 Weetamoe Dr
Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Raymond Beretta, Jr. <rberettajr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House bill6256

This bill must not pass out of committee. We are called the Ocean State for a reason. Recreational boating is a joyous way for Rhode Islanders to get away from the stresses of everyday life, while enjoying the natural beauty of our state. Boating does come with very real expenses, including maintenance, dockage, repairs, fuel, storage, etc. Most of which are taxed. Adding sales and property taxes on top is unwise and unjust. It will drive people away from boating and hurt the lively hood of so many businesses down the line. Vote No!

Raymond Beretta, Jr

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Bouzaid <chrisbouzaid@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:21 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Chris O'Brien

From: Mario Barrenechea <mariobsr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to Boat Tax!

Thanks

Mario Barrenechea
345 Thames St
Unit 104
Bristol, RI 02809

Chris O'Brien

From: JON BERBERIAN <jonsarkis@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:46 PM
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,

Jon Berberian
Providence, RI 02906
[Your Town]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Erin Donovan-Boyle <erin@newportchamber.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: testimony - 6256 oppose
Attachments: Boating tax repeal letter.docx

Good Afternoon,
Please see the attached document for testimony this afternoon.
Thank you,
Erin

Erin Donovan-Boyle
President & CEO
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce



GREATER NEWPORT *Chamber of Commerce*

We want to hear from you - Take our business survey!

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/e7700d22/d-v4JPL3GEideA-vLusFuA?u=https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8046142/2024-Greater-Newport-Business-Trends-and-Outlook-Survey>

Chris O'Brien

From: Albert Bouchard <chefbouchard@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Strongly disagree for a boat tax and boat property tax

As a voter for more than 50 years, and the cost associated with boating already, and supporting the economy of Rhode Island, I would probably give up my boat. Should this bill pass Albert Bouchard Thames street Newport

Chris O'Brien

From: Debbie Beauchamp <debbie.a.beauchamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:30 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] [Your Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Jonathan A. Brown <jonathanabby@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 -5BOAT TAX = NOBODY WINS !

<HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov>

Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

Reinstating a "Boat Tax" will be costly to RI state, and all boaters that reside here. Many boaters will choose to remove their craft to another location.

The huge amount of service work initiated in RI will diminish greatly.

Many boats are located in RI because of it's tax- free status.

Our tourist industry is driven by the marine industry.

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,
JONATHAN A. BROWN
PORTSMOUTH R.I.

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Benoit <robert.benoit@anchorautogroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:10 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.

People will find other ways to bypass state reg

Robert B Benoit

President

Anchor Auto Group

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Chris O'Brien

From: Tom Burgess <tom@burgess.media>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:21 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO to H6256

Do not repeal this RI resident benefit!! For many people this is THE reason we live in this state. Income taxes are brutal but the benefit of tax free boat ownership offsets the pain. Bottom line - this benefit is a significant competitive advantage for RI when attracting new residents.

Removing this benefit will decrease the draw for boaters to live in this state and therefore:

- Decrease the boating services offered in our state resulting in loss of commerce and jobs
- Decrease home/property value when boaters are relocating to New England and comparing benefits of RI residence over Mass and CT.

The only benefactors of repealing this benefit are Massachusetts and Connecticut. Rhode Island will be the big loser on many levels.

Tom Burgess
3 Osborne Ct
Newport RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Kristin Barry <kibarry6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO TAX ON BOATS

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,
Kristin Barry
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: bruce jeanne burdett <bjburdett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:05 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

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
Bruce Burdett
Bristol, RI
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: David Bonzagni <dtbonzagni@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:21 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO THE BOAT TAX

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.

Let me add that on a personal note, we bought our first boat last year and it was a huge plus not having to pay tax on the purchase. It actually allowed us to get "more" boat for our money and living in New England, where we are already taxed to death, it was quite the reprieve, not being taxed on this as well. This is just a small example, but I highly doubt that whatever revenue is garnered from this move would outweigh the significant negative effects that this will have. We are the ocean state, don't do this.

Sincerely,
[David Bonzagni]
[Smithfield, RI]

Chris O'Brien

From: Steven J. Benfeito <steve@nedrywall.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:40 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

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

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Sincerely,

Steven J. Benfeito

10 Severn Ct, East Greenwich, RI 02818



Steven J. Benfeito, President
New England Drywall Co., Inc.
816 Middle Rd Unit 5
East Greenwich, RI 02818
Phone (401) 438-3387
Cell (401) 413-3066
steve@nedrywall.com
www.nedrywall.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Tim Burns <tburns@bioprocessh2o.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:40 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Lorrie Burns
Subject: H6256 tax on boats

Dear Finance Committee,

Please oppose H6256- a proposed tax on boats. Rhode Island is a unique and special place. The Boating Industry is vital to the State and creates many jobs that pay payroll taxes and draws so many people to our state who spend MEANINGFUL capital in our state. Taxing Boats will dis-incent the Industry and broader business and reduce overall commerce and jobs in our wonderful state. Please VOTE NO!

Tim Burns
President

45 Highpoint Ave.
Portsmouth, RI 02871
Personal: (401)662-5320
tburns@bioprocessh2o.com
<http://www.bioprocessh2o.com/>

Chris O'Brien

From: Brianna Baro <bribaro17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:31 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No To Tax On Boats

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From: Edward Burke <efburke@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 PM
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Sincerely,

*Ruddy Brito
Smithfield, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Bill Barlow <ww1erv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

I hope you don't place taxes on boats under the proposed bill H6256 The last time this was done it destroyed the boat building in Rhode Island and put many of them out of business.

Bill Barlow
Bristol R.I.

Chris O'Brien

From: Kathy Bolton <kbolton0502@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:23 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+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 Kathleen Bolton]
[Your+Town]Coventry

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Charlotte Burnham <charburn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:00 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,

Charlotte Burnham
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: JoshBeauparlant <josh@wakefieldfireplace.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:44 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to taxes on Boats

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Boutilier <cboutilier@atrenne-cs.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:19 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,
Chris Boutilier

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Chris O'Brien

From: David Bush-Brown <dbushbrown@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax

Such a tax would be detrimental to the industry which has a large economic multiplier effect for the state. It is a very short sighted bill and not smart when the state enjoys such distinction over its rival States.

David Bush-Brown
Mobile: 617.283.0555

Chris O'Brien

From: mail.barlow <mail.barlow@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:15 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,
William Barlow
Warren, RI
401-245-4435

Chris O'Brien

From: John Burgess <johnburgess123@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Craven, Robert E.
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats, Slips and Storage

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**. Keep the Ocean State the Ocean State.*

*Sincerely,
John Burgess
288 Finch Lane
Saunderstown, RI 02874*

Chris O'Brien

From: Jonathan Bixby <jbixby4082@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:13 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, Jonathan Bixby, 105 Wampanoag Drive, Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Steve Barron <sbarron0724@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please vote NO on H6256, NO boat tax

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.

Peace and Joy,
Steve Barron
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Brereton <ajbrereton@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO to taxes on boats

Dear Representatives,
Please do not reinstate taxes on boats in Rhode Island.
This is a terrible idea that will have a negative impact on one of our state's core industries.
I'm a resident of Bristol, a boat owner and a dependable voter.
Please do not do this!
Andrew Brereton, Ph.D.
37 Franklin St.
Bristol RI 02809

Chris O'Brien

From: Janice B <janiceblais@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:03 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As Rhode Island boaters, we 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.

As with all of the other boaters, we are hoping for positive consideration on all of our requests.

Thank you for all you do.

Janice E. Blais
David E. Amaral
Coventry, RI 02816

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Bailey <mjbailey241@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to 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,

Michael and Kristina Bailey
8 Butterworth dr.
Warren, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: William Blackman <wrblackman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

I am strongly opposed to this tax law proposal. Part of the reason I moved my boat to Rhode Island is because of the incredible maritime tradition here. I believe we will even see the return of the Americas Cup to Newport one day. Don't return to the days of reduced boat sales and a crippling of the maritime industry.

Sadly and objectionably

Bill Blackman
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Brown <bbfishin58@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 9:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TAX ON BOATS

NO NEW TAX OR NO TAX ON BOATS AT ALL.
THANKS BOB BROWN

Chris O'Brien

From: David Batista <davidbatista1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB6256

Hello

I am opposed to this proposed bill HB6256

This is a mistake for Rhode Island.

Please find another tax revenue source or more importantly, please make cuts to waste in other programs.

Dave

David Batista
(401) 290-8718
davidbatista1@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: roger beaulieu <rstb321@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:58 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] [Your Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: agbrown192 <abrown192@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 1:34 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,
Alexander Brown
North Kingstown, RI 02874

Chris O'Brien

From: Alec Badeau <alec.badeau@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:44 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No on 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,

Alec Badeau
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Raquel Bertolotti <raquel.bertolotti18@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please do not tax boats OPPOSE H6256

To whom it may concern:

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.

The boating accessibility to working class people is a main reason I live in this state and something that should be championed by Rhode Island.

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

Sincerely,
Raquel Bertolotti

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: David Batista <davidbatista1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: HB6256

My name is David Batista
Resident of Rhode Island
I am against Bill HB 6256

David Batista
(401) 290-8718
davidbatista1@gmail.com

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 8:01 PM House Finance Committee <Housefinancecomm@rilegislature.onmicrosoft.com> wrote:

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Chris O'Brien

From: Kristin Browne <kristinlbrowne@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:17 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO BOAT TAX

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,

Kristin Browne
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ronald Bennett <ron@gotsungosolar.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:10 AM
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,

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Chris O'Brien

From: Donna Brown <donnabrown88@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Taxes on boats

Our town and state is built on the fishing industry and this would hurt many who make a living on our coastal waters. Newport is the sailing capital of the world and this would impact many recreational boat owners.

Do not pass!!

Donna Brown

203.482.4331

Chris O'Brien

From: Neil Bergh <nbergh@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:02 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 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,
Neil Bergh
222 Wickford Point Rd.
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Bethel <Brian@CertifiedSales.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Please vote No on bill H6256

In the past, the sales tax ruined the boating industry and put boat builders out of business , please do not make it another money grab

It is the ocean state , not the tax state

Please get the money for bridges and road from another slush fund

Brian Bethel
Pleasant Seaveiw Marina
Warwick Ri

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Matt Bologna <matthew.bologna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:56 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,
Matt Bologna
Safe Harbor Cove Haven
Barrington, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: jcbftt@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Please vote no on taxing boat sales in RI
Jeff Bardell
Barrington, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Rhonda Byrd <rb33jb10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:30 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TAX ON BOATS

As a resident of Bristol, R.I., and a boat owner, I am against reinstating a boat tax.
We have paid too many taxes already. NO TAXES ON BOATS.

Rhonda Byrd

<http://conventionofstates.com/?ref=47733>

Rhonda Byrd
Author of:
"My Life Is More Valuable Than A Breast, Is Yours?"
(located on amazon.com)
YouTube video: JGFqs9CaEJI

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Janet Bausch <jbausch@trynorthpoint.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: RI Boat Tax

RI has long been recognized as the boating Capital of the United States. The Tax was removed years ago to promote growth. The State does not own or maintain the waterways. The USCG maintains the buoys. We pay registration fees every 2 years. You have no business taxing boats we have already purchased. The tax on purchasing boats almost destroyed the industry.

It is time for you to cut spending. Decrease regulations go keep business thriving. It's time to get out of the tax business, reduce spending and bring in new business.

Perhaps it is time to audit the books.



Janet Bausch
Branch Manager | NMLS 12490



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Chris O'Brien

From: Brenda Brock <bb@farmaesthetics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:40 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.

Thank you,
Brenda and Paul

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Bjorklund <bobbjorklund6@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:14 AM
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, Robert Bjorklund, Coventry]
[Your+Town]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Rick Brown <rick.brown.jr143@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:06 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.

Sincerely,

Rick Brown

Chris O'Brien

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Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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