

Chris O'Brien

From: Edward Burman III <tburman45@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:48 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: OPPOSE H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a boat tax would drive 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,

Edward W. Burman, III
Narragansett

Chris O'Brien

From: Rakesh Bansal <rkb02840@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:43 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO

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Rick Bansal
617.899.6230
rkb02840@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Beauchemin <andrew.beauchemin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:43 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. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Andrew Beauchemin
Portsmouth

Chris O'Brien

From: Jmarks.Boston <jmarks.boston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: say no to the Boat tax

Jeremy

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Cindy <cbrowning04@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater for the past 20 years, 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 Rhode Island. Most of my family's vacations over the past 20 years have been boat related and 90% of them have been in our state, including multiple trips a year to Block island, Newport and many restaurants throughout the state with access from the water.

Boating in Rhode Island keeps many businesses afloat including fuel docks, restaurants and bars, mechanics, boat maintenance and more.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Browning
Warren & Warwick

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Chris O'Brien

From: Claudine Bouchard <claudine917@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:21 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,
Claudine Bouchard
North Kingstown
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: MDB Personal <michaelbensonmdb@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:33 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.

Michael Benson

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Allison B <allybaker38@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:31 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.

This is an incredibly special community that we need to keep intact.

Sincerely

Allison Baker Benson

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Brown <browncw3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposing H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a lifelong Rhode Island boater and with my son a small business owner in the marine industry, 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 Brown

Chris O'Brien

From: ronb <ronb24@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:45 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, Ronald Blanchard ,Warwick RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Belanger <peterabelanger@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:43 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,

Peter A. Belanger.
Newport, RI. 02840

Chris O'Brien

From: David Barrett <David.Barrett@consilio.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

House Finance Committee:

As a Rhode Island resident and RI boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt 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.

Sincerely,

David Barrett

Wakefield, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Betty Buckley <bbuckley22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:41 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

From: Steven Buckler <stevenbuckler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:41 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned RI 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

Steven Buckler
100 North Cliff Drive
Narragansett, RI 02882
401-338-9710

Chris O'Brien

From: Annette Bourne <manborn3@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fw: Cranston resident seeking your support of H5477 for budget support of a Rhode Island Main Street America pilot program

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Below, please see the email I sent to Rep. Baginski this morning regarding today's House Finance hearing of H5477. I apologize for not having cc'd you on the original email.

Thank you,
Annette Bourne

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Annette Bourne <manborn3@cox.net>
To: rep-baginski@rilegislature.gov <rep-baginski@rilegislature.gov>
Cc: rep-handy@rilegislature.gov <rep-handy@rilegislature.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 08:27:38 AM EDT
Subject: Cranston resident seeking your support of H5477 for budget support of a Rhode Island Main Street America pilot program

Dear Representative Baginski,

I am writing as a resident of Cranston requesting your support of H5477, which will be heard in the House Finance Committee today. House Resolution [H5477](#) would make an appropriation of \$500,000 for Grow Smart RI to work with Main Street America over a 3-year pilot period to bring their training programs to Rhode Island communities. [Read the release HERE.](#))

My State Representative Arthur Handy is the lead sponsor of this bill knowing how impactful this program could be across all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island, but particularly to our city of Cranston. From your district with areas like Oaklawn and Pontiac to my surrounding neighborhoods from Pawtuxet Village to Elmwood Avenue, the Main Streets America program thrives where local businesses and community members have a network to begin to connect and effectively grow, activate, beautify, and promote their downtowns and neighborhood centers as vibrant and attractive destinations for visitors, residents, developers, and businesses.

While it is a tight budget year, a Main Streets program would be a catalyst to local economic growth that would enrich both the financial and social aspects of Rhode Island's communities. I urge you to support H5477. Please be in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Annette Bourne
51 Community Drive
Cranston, RI 02905
401.368.9172, cell/text
manborn3@cox.net

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 <lbrescia@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:16 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.

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
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,
Anthony Bratica
Warwick RI*

Anthony Bratica
Chief Officer
Overseas Boston
508-667-0211

Chris O'Brien

From: jcbass3@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:01 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. Please don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

James Bass
East Greenwich

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Chris O'Brien

From: JOEL BROWN <joel.d.brown@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:00 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.
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,
Joel

Joel Brown
606 Shermantown Rd
Saunderstown RI 02874
401-742-5604

Chris O'Brien

From: Randy Both <rboth@shmarinas.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:54 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,
Randy Both
Portsmouth, RI



Randy Both
Trades Director
Safe Harbor New England Boatworks
O: (401) 683-4000

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Chris O'Brien

From: John Boone CMM <jbtimeout@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:54 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,
John M. Boone CMM
Tiverton, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Madeleine Bass <mbass11662@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:52 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,

Madeleine Bass
East Greenwich

Chris O'Brien

From: Louis Butler <louis.butler@wheelergmail.org>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a lifelong Rhode Island boater and proud supporter of our marine economy, I am writing to strongly oppose House Bill H6256.

Reinstating a sales tax on boats is short-sighted and dangerous. It will chase boaters and marine businesses out of Rhode Island, just as it did in the past. Our state became a leader in the marine industry because we removed this tax. Bringing it back would reverse years of economic growth, threaten hundreds of local jobs, shutter small businesses, and send high-value customers—and their money—to Massachusetts and Connecticut.

This bill won't generate the revenue its backers hope for—it will bleed our economy dry by forcing marine sales and services across state lines. H6256 is not a tax on luxury—it's a tax on livelihoods.

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

Best regards,
Louis Butler
(617)-845-6621
Louis.Butler@wheelergmail.org

Chris O'Brien

From: bellerics@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:56 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.

Kind regards,

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Eric Bell
E Bell Sailing Inc.
+1 401 954 7586

Chris O'Brien

From: richeryl Bruun <richerylbruun@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 6:00 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,

Rich and Cheryl Bruun
Westerly

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Becky Blaine <blblaine53@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to Boat Tax 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,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Becky

Chris O'Brien

From: Justin Bonar <justinbonar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:06 PM
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

From: Nick Bocchino <nbocchino4171@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:15 AM
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,

Nick Bocchino

Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: MARITIME SOLUTIONS: MILES BRUGMANN <miles4msi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:56 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,

[Your+Name]

[Your+Town]

Miles Brugmann



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Portsmouth, RI 02871

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Chris O'Brien

From: Oliver Bashan <bastek212@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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 ...

Chris O'Brien

From: mbogan25@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:47 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,

Michael Bogan
10 Bogan's Way
Franklin, Ma 02038

Cell: 508-298-5571

Email: mbogan25@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Kamran Bina <kamransbina@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:46 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,
Kamran Bina

Chris O'Brien

From: Babak Bina <babak@bcb3.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO on Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a boater in Rhode Island, I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats would have detrimental effects on our state. It would likely cause boaters and marine-related businesses to leave Rhode Island, putting local jobs at risk and negatively impacting our economy.

I urge you to vote NO on H6256 and ask that you consider the serious harm this bill could inflict on Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Babak Bina
9 Wilcox Street
Tiverton RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Beck <joe.beck.3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:35 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 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,

Joseph Beck
Johnston, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: S B <shawn0900@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: sheldon_whitehouse@whitehouse.senate.gov; AmoOffice@mail.house.gov;
seth.magaziner@mail.house.gov; Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Rep. Donovan, Susan R;
Sen. Ujifusa, Linda L.; jack_reed@reed.senate.gov
Subject: Bill 2025 -- S 0094, I AM AGAINST BOATING REALATED TAXES!

(Resent to include bill number and business ownership)

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

As a RI marine business owner, resident of Portsmouth RI, and a lifelong sailor and liveaboard owner, I am strongly opposed to taxing a community that is already barely hanging on due to the extremely high costs of boat ownership. Every aspect of boat ownership has become nearly untenable for every day working class boat owners in RI, and the US as a whole. Boating and boat ownership is quickly becoming an option exclusively for the wealthy, leaving no affordable options for working class sport fisherman, recreational boaters, and liveaboard residents. From high boat prices, to extraordinarily high insurance costs, to high fuel costs, to high maintenance costs, and ridiculously high marina and mooring costs due to the loss of competition (the fault of both RI and US government from lack of monopoly oversight and regulation, ex. the Safe Harbor Marina monopoly in RI), we cannot afford to pay a dime more in taxes. You will ruin boating for the huge working class voting public in RI if you rescind the no tax laws for the marine industry. I will be sure to vote every supporter of this tax out if you do this. Every boat owner I know has said this to me as well. I moved here because of the no tax on boating. Act for the people, not the wealthy and hedge fund companies.

Shawn Brown
Portsmouth, RI
Owner, NauTek Marine Electronics (RI LLC)
Owner, Nonantum Technical Services (RI LLC)

Chris O'Brien

From: Norm Barry <nbarry1221@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No 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.

Thank you
Norman Barry / Owner
N&N Auto / Marine

Chris O'Brien

From: Craig Brawner <craigbrawner81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fwd: H6256

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Craig Brawner <craigbrawner81@gmail.com>
Date: May 5, 2025 at 4:22:20 PM EDT
To: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov
Subject: H6255

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.

Thank you!

Craig Brawner
Tiverton, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Craig Brawner <craigbrawner81@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:22 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6255

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.

Thank you!

Craig Brawner
Tiverton, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Nick Burnham <nb02809@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:17 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,

Nicholas Burnham
Riverside, RI
Marine Technician

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Boesch <jeff_boesch@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:57 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Marine tax

**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.
As a resident, I personally have fueled minimally, one million dollars into our marine community!**
Sincerely,
**Jeffrey Boesch
Middletown Ri**

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Chris O'Brien

From: rhbloomct@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: I strongly 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.

Sincerely,
Richard Bloom
South Kingstown

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Chris O'Brien

From: Sandra Bert <sandrabert83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:46 AM
To: House Finance Committee

You are making a huge mistake by considering boat tax. Rhode Island is known for being the Ocean state and attracts tourists during summer months. Many people come here to enjoy the ocean. They rent boats, take charter boats and take ferry rides. All of these charges will go up drastically and will discourage people from coming to this state. This will hurt marinas, Block island, Newport and restaurants. You will loose more tax revenue than you will gain. Thank you for reconsidering.

Chris O'Brien

From: Ashley Binkley <blessedbirthri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:35 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

Good Morning,

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.

Much Appreciated!!

Chris O'Brien

From: rgbrown1212 <rgbrown1212@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boat

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,

Robert G Brown
North Smithfield

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Chris O'Brien

From: Sandy Bibeault <slafs50@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:16 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.

Hasn't the government already taken enough away???

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

Sincerely,
Sandy Bibeault
Cranston, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert P Buscher JR <waterboybass1@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No tax on boats please!

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Chris O'Brien

From: Lance Banfield <lancebanfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax

Hello,

I would like to oppose H6256

Reinstating a tax on Boats will be crippling to the marine trades and boaters of RI.

Thank you,

Lance Banfield

Chris O'Brien

From: hmballoch@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: 'Congressman Gabe Amo'; Rep. Finkelman, Alex S.
Subject: Oppose H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by reducing our leadership position in boat manufacturing and sales, increasing the cost of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy. We have seen what taxes did to shipyards and boating related jobs in Connecticut – it drove them away. This feels bizarrely like a Republican “get rich quick” idea that always backfires and results in “get poor slowly”. The business will go elsewhere. The jobs and related income tax will be reduces. Related tourism and visitor revenue will also suffer. RI is currently a leader hitting way above our weight in marine trades; why would you squander that lead?

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

Sincerely,

Hugh Balloch

18 Racquet Rd

Jamestown, RI 02835

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Baccari <brianbaccari@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
Brian Baccari
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Baggesen <ebaggesen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Fogarty, Kathleen A.
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,
Eric Baggesen
South Kingstown, RI*



Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Together we will keep Rhode Island a great place to boat!

Chris O'Brien

From: Louis Bachetti <lbachetti@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Chris O'Brien

From: Alan Bongiovanni <al@bgils.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:47 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,
Alan Bongiovanni
Charlestown

Chris O'Brien

From: Armand Bilodeau <ahb18@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 6256

Dear House Finance Committee:

As a life long Rhode Island resident, and just recently retired at age 69, I strongly oppose H6256. I have worked my entire life, and even in retirement pay taxes on my social security and monthly withdrawals from my 401K. I purchased the boat for my retirement after working my entire life, and you are considering taxing me more. The state should consider how this will affect the marine industry in Rhode Island. Instead of taxing us the taxpayers more, reduce costs and expenditures.

Armand Bilodeau
51 Ellen Lane
Cranston, RI 02921

Chris O'Brien

From: C Br <chbsgb40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:25 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.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra G. Brown
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Craig Borden <cborden@srt-law.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a lifelong 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,

Capt. Craig Borden
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

From: C Br <chbsgb40@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:23 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,

Charles H Brown II
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Nadia Baum <nadiabaum10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:22 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,

Nadia Baum
Warwick

Chris O'Brien

From: Deborah Brink <brink@brinkassociates.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 - VOTE NO ON BOAT TAX

This message is written respectfully to the members of the HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE. As a registered voter in Rhode Island, I hope each of you will vote in **OPPOSITION** to the proposed **BOAT TAX H6256**.

This proposed tax will be detrimental of RI boat owners and merchants who support that industry that is so important to our state. Please vote NO! Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah Brink
Charlestown, RI 02813

Chris O'Brien

From: Barry Bordner <bbordner@winpretec.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

As a 40+ year Rhode Island boater, I am strongly opposed to a change in the current status of the tax laws related to boating in Rhode Island. I am a boater and a property owner in South Kington and can easily see how a plan to tax boating as proposed by this bill will cost the state money in the end. This is likely being viewed as a tax the rich bill, in my opinion it will have an overall negative impact on the economy and the state revenues.

Thank you,
Capt. Barry Bordner
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Chris O'Brien

From: pbriggs puremsp.com <pbriggs@puremsp.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote against boat tax

RI has a thriving marine industry. Taxing boaters in RI is a mistake. It could change the landscape of this industry for many years to come. **Please vote against**

Peter Briggs
401-474-1937

Chris O'Brien

From: William.Bellerose@morganstanley.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:04 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,
William J Bellerose Jr
Portsmouth, RI*

All my best,
Bill

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Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Bernier <jim@black-peak.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:05 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO boat taxes!

Rhode Island does not have much in way of recreation as state. There are also many high taxes, anti-business friendly policies and restrictions.

There are not many advantages left in the state of RI, however not having a boat tax was one of the last positive advantages RI has to offer.

By implementing a boat tax you will diminish boat sales, and make many other boat owners who call RI their port, go elsewhere creating another decrease in local spending and hurting the boating economy. Boots should not be taxed.

Jim Bernier

Chris O'Brien

From: David Barrus, LEED AP <dbarrus@bond-building.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:05 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,
David & Jurgita Barrus
Edgewood, RI 02905*

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Chris O'Brien

From: John Badway <athcoach@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Chris O'Brien

From: Russell Browning <rubrow62@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:59 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Good morning

I have been reading up on the proposed bill.

In my opinion the will hurt the tax income for the state. It will force a lot of working folks, like myself, to get out of boating. This will in turn devistate the marine industry as a whole.

Please reconsider the bill and vote it down.

Let us lower and middle class enjoy the feeling and relaxation of being on the water.

Thank you for your consideration

Russell Browning

Chris O'Brien

From: George Bertholet <gbertholet@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Abney, Marvin L.
Cc: Rep. Fogarty, Kathleen A.
Subject: I oppose HB6256

Dear Rep Abney, House Finance Committee Chair,

As a professional Marine Engineer and Rhode Island boat owner, I strongly oppose HB6256. I am also a USCG licensed 100 Ton Master.

Very few locations on earth can match the depth and breath of RI's marine infrastructure, workforce, and educational facilities.

The sale and use tax exemption is a subsidy.

One should look at the actual cost of the subsidy vs. the economic multiplier that these skills and infrastructure bring to the state.

I would point to events like the tri-annual Ocean Race stopover, where the economic data is well tracked.

And the educational opportunities provided by IYRS in Newport and the Oliver Hazard Perry educational program.

It would be informative to have the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association speak to this. They have over 300 members.

There may be more local people employed in this area than all the sub-builders at Quonset.

Thank you for your consideration,
George Bertholet
Kingston, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ravi Banerjee <ravi.banerjee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:15 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please remove 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,
Ravi Banerjee
Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: rod bennett <rnett423@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:14 PM
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.

Rod Bennett
Jamestown

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Burns <suntavernri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:06 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,

Jane Burns
Charlestown

Chris O'Brien

From: Harrison Barlow <harrisonbarlow9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:36 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. Our state is already one of the most expensive states to live in. Stop being so greedy and robbing us blind. Create better spending habits and quit holding out your hand and demanding more money from residents. You MUST vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Harrison Barlow
Warwick RI

Chris O'Brien

From: jim bahr <jdbahr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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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,

James Bahr
Tiverton

Chris O'Brien

From: mike brostek <mbrostek@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: PLEASE OPPOSE H6256

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,

***Mike Brostek
Warwick, RI***

Chris O'Brien

From: David Colannino <davidcolannino@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:14 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: OPPOSE H6256!

As a boater in RI for many years I am opposed to this tax. We have had a thriving marine industry and tourism business for many years. Do not mess it up!
Get your own house in order instead of constantly LOOKING for more money from the people of RI! We are already the last place to do business in the US! Hasbro ring a bell?

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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.

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Please vote NO on H6256. Dont sink Rhode Islands marine industry.

Sincerely,
Joe bailey
Exeter

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: Leanne Barrett <LBarrett@rikidscount.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:48 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Michaela Carroll; Paige Parks; Jennifer Capaldo
Subject: RI Kids Count and Right from the Start Campaign Testimony in Support of Rep. O'Brien's EITC bill
Attachments: RIKC and Right from the Start_H-5760 State EITC_House Finance - May 6 2025 - LB.pdf

Hello,

Attached is testimony in support of Representative O'Brien's EITC bill being heard tonight in House Finance.

Thank you,
Leanne

Leanne Barrett (she/her)
Director of Early Childhood Policy & Strategy
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Coordinator, [Right from the Start Campaign](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: Beth B <bethb@rhodehome.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:55 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. A property tax on boats will harm me directly, as I own boats and sail and motor in our waters. We finally got rid of the onerous property tax on motor vehicles, why would we add one for boats?

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Don't raise my taxes this way.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burlingame
East Greenwich resident and taxpayer
North Kingstown property taxpayer
Exeter property taxpayer

Chris O'Brien

From: Leanne Barrett <LBarrett@rikidscount.org>
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