

Chris O'Brien

From: Jack Conte <contejack@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:32 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island voter, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and Marine related businesses out of the state, threaten local jobs, and negatively impact our economy. I urge you to please vote NO on H6256. Don't sync Rhode Island Marine industry.

Sincerely,
John Conte
Riverside, RI 02915

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Jason Cianciolo <jay.cian@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:28 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to H6256

As I Rhode Island resident and voter, I strongly oppose Bill H6256.

This bill will set back RI's economy and decimate our boating industry. This is a short sighted cash grab from people that have no understanding of our states rich maritime history.

Sincerely,

Captain Jason A Cianciolo

51 Lawrence terrace

Portsmouth, RI 02871

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Chatowsky <rchatowsky3@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:08 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: DJ Cordeiro <cordeiro.d@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:03 PM
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.

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

Sincerely,

Daniel Cordeiro
Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Captain Craig <info@sailbucketlist.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:00 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.

Craig

Chris O'Brien

From: Scummingsmd <scummingsmd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:28 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
Steve Cummings
North Kingstown

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Lee Caouette <leecaouette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:41 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,

Lee Caouette
Newport, RI

Lee E. Caouette
401.480.7644

Chris O'Brien

From: peter cournoyer <pcournoyer93@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:41 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,
Peter Cournoyer
Barrington RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Corvese <robcorvese@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:42 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,
Robert Corvese*

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Casola <bobcasola@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:40 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,
Robert Casola
Charlestown

Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Clappin <clappinjp@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

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,

James Clappin
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Kim Cleary <cleary.kim@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:35 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 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] Kimberley Cleary
Cranston RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Carlson <racarlson22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:27 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,

*Robert A. Carlson
Bristol, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Edward Colley <enwc@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:19 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 Colley
West Greenwich*

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark Cocca <mcocca1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 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,

Mark Cocca
Cranston, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Eileen <etracker54@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:44 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Bill 6256
Attachments: Eileen Cullinane.docx

Dear House Finance Committee,

Please find attached my letter opposing the house bill 6256 on boat sales tax. I vote NO for this bill.

Eileen Cullinane

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Chris O'Brien

From: Doug Carlson <doug@vikingind.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No tax on boat

Please vote "No", for tax on boats H6256 at tomorrow's meeting.
I am a long time Rhode Island resident and I firmly oppose this new tax.
Thank you
Douglas Carlson
9 Hazelton Rd
Barrington, RI 02806

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: wendy cohenuram <wcohenuram@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:54 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,
Wendy Cohen
South Kingstown, Ri

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Chris O'Brien

From: Cynthia Cavanagh <cmcavanagh@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Don't tax boats

Sent from my iPhone

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: Mark Costanzo <mlcostanzo@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:59 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,
Mark Costanzo

Portsmouth, Ri

Chris O'Brien

From: Bettina Kolker-Cullinane <bettinakolker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Honorable House Finance Committee:

As a Rhode Island resident and pending boat owner, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a boat tax will impact not just prospective and current boat owners but every business and worker that supports them.

If you make it too expensive to buy or maintain a boat, I cannot support all the services and individuals who rely on this industry for their living.

There are so many pressures on personal finances now - inflation, tariffs, taxes, etc. If this bill prevents my investment in a boat, it also prevents my investment in the workers and businesses of Rhode Island.

Please vote no.

Respectfully,

Bettina J. Cullinane
9 Cynthia Dr.
Coventry, RI 02816

Bettina

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Callanan <callanankids@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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 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 Callanan
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

From: David Cambria <dcambria@mac.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,

Dave Cambria
Barrington, RI

M: (917) 225-9999
dcambria@mac.com

Chris O'Brien

From: James Cornwall Jr <jbcjr@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:06 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,

James B. Cornwall Jr.

Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: lee casey <leecasey61@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:05 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear house committee please do not pass this bill, it will affect our boating industry and economy of Rhode Islander..
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: geoconsta71@gmail.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,
George T. Constantin*

Chris O'Brien

From: Karen Cardoza <patriotworld@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:45 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. Many recreational boaters are retirees that already live on a fixed income. Narragansett Bay is a gem in our state and brings in many people, who in turn, spend money in surrounding towns to boost our economy and provide jobs for our residents.

Sincerely,
Karen J. Cardoza, Cumberland
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Kevin Connolly <jkevinconnolly@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:16 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.

Chris O'Brien

From: andrew cavanagh <cavanaghmarine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:00 AM
To: Andrew Cavanagh
Subject: Please Oppose H6256 – Protect RI's Marine Industry
Attachments: Andrew_Cavanagh_Opposition_H6256_Updated.pdf

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island marine contractor, union business owner, and lifelong resident of the working waterfront, I strongly oppose H6256.

This bill would reinstate a tax on boats and marine-related property—undoing decades of smart policy that helped rebuild an industry nearly wiped out in the 1980s. I was raised in a commercial fishing family, and today I run a union marine construction company based in Tiverton. We build docks, seawalls, and shoreline infrastructure across the state. The tools and equipment we use—welders, pumps, hoists—are the backbone of our work. Taxing that equipment directly raises costs for local municipalities, private clients, and the tradespeople we employ.

We've been here before. When Rhode Island last imposed taxes on boats and marine operations in the 1980s, the result was devastating: boatyards closed, builders relocated, and good jobs disappeared. It took decades to rebuild our skilled labor force—and this bill risks tearing that progress apart.

H6256 would hurt small businesses, union labor, and the very people working every day to support Rhode Island's identity as the Ocean State.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew Cavanagh
Tiverton, RI

Andrew Cavanagh

Cavanagh Marine Inc
Cavanaghmarine.com
(401)787-8725

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark Coleman <mcoleman101955@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:06 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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,

Mark Coleman

Chris O'Brien

From: Jake Conley <jakeconley01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:47 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

Sincerely

Jacob Conley,
South Kingstown RI
President of Riverside Landscaping

Chris O'Brien

From: Joseph Criscuolo <onemako27@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:27 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Taxes on Boats

Joseph Criscuolo
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Marc Carvalho <mcarv482@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:02 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 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,
Marc Carvalho
North Providence.*

Chris O'Brien

From: john casey <jcasey1122@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:00 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: John Casey, Cranston

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

Chris O'Brien

From: Logan Cleary <logan_cleary@uri.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:59 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Strong Opposition to H6256 and the Reimplementation of Boat Taxes

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to bill H6256 and the proposed reimplementation of sales and property taxes on boats in Rhode Island.

This legislation would severely harm both recreational and commercial boating industries in our state. I have lived in southern Rhode Island my entire life and have been around boats since I was a kid. Over the years, I've worked hard to purchase and restore several small boats. That hard work has translated into significant spending at local marinas, stores like West Marine, and through various local service providers. Boating is more than just a hobby for me—it's a way of life and a significant contributor to the local economy.

Every time I take my boat out, I spend money on gas, tackle, food, and other supplies. Like many others, I look forward to spending Sundays on the water after a long week of work. If a property tax were to be implemented, this enjoyable and important part of life would become far more expensive, discouraging participation and reducing spending across many sectors.

Additionally, there are serious concerns about the logistics of this bill. How exactly will the state assess the value of each boat? Boats vary widely in condition and value, and estimating their worth would be extremely difficult and inconsistent. Will inspectors be sent out? Will there be broad and likely inaccurate estimates?

Then there's the issue of determining a boat's "home port." What about large commercial vessels involved in offshore wind projects? These ships may spend the entire year in Rhode Island waters but are registered elsewhere and would likely not be taxed. On the other hand, some boat owners from out of state could falsely claim their boats are docked in places like Florida to avoid paying Rhode Island taxes. How will the state track this movement and enforce tax collection fairly?

Tourism in Rhode Island depends heavily on boating activities such as fishing charters, whale watching, lighthouse tours, visits to Block Island, commercial fishing, restaurants, and private charters. Increasing costs through this tax will make these services more expensive and will hurt our already fragile tourism industry.

This bill would do far more harm than good to Rhode Island's economy—an economy still recovering from the impacts of COVID-19. I urge you to please vote **NAY** on bill H6256.

Sincerely,
Logan Cleary
Charlestown RI

Chris O'Brien

From: BRIAN CHOINIERE <zebbee@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:29 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,

Brian Choiniere

Warwick

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: juan.decardenas@earthlink.net
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: oppose H6256- Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a RI boater for the past 18 years, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt every day Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters and driving boaters and marine related industry out of state threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

Please vote **NO** on **H6256**. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry contradicting Rhode Island as the Ocean State

Sincerely

Juan de Cardenas
Warwick

Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Celico <jimcelico@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:24 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. Like most industries in RI it's already hard enough to compete with border towns and states who have larger economies, populations and per capita incomes.

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. Don't drive more jobs commerce and talent out of Rhode Island.

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

Sincerely,
Jim T Celico
Barrington RI

Jim Celico
401-337-5994 Office

www.fiftysevenmaple.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Michelle Carlson <mecarlson017@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:16 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.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Justin Catalano <justincat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:15 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,

Justin Catalano

Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Choquette <choquette1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:57 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,

Chris Choquette
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Carolan <rfc@bluefincapital.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H625 - Don't Tax Boats

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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,

Richard Carolan

Barrington RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Elisa Cahill <snughbroffice@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Dont Tax Our Boats
Attachments: DONT TAX OUR BOATS.pdf

Please read attached opposition to bill number 6256

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 3:07 PM House Finance Committee <Housefinancecomm@rilegislature.onmicrosoft.com> wrote:

Thank you for submitting written testimony to the House Finance Committee.

Written testimony must include your name/organization, bill number(s) and viewpoint (for/against/neither). The Clerk will post testimony to the General Assembly's website as soon as possible. Note, the posting of testimony may be delayed due to high volume. For faster processing, send written testimony in PDF format.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Anthony Cabral <antcabral05@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: h6256

hello. my name is anthony cabral.portsmouth I strongly oppose bill h6256
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Chris O'Brien

From: timothy.j.canova@dominionenergy.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:38 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Committee 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 Do not sink Rhode Islands marine industry.

We are the Ocean State

Timothy Canova

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Chris O'Brien

From: Margaret Choiniere <magken1@msn.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 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,

Kenneth and Margaret Choiniere
Barrington RI

Chris O'Brien

From: schwinside <schwinside@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:30 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 Boating and Marine industry.

Sincerely,

Chris Chouinard- Tiverton RI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Chris O'Brien

From: Albert Carlow Jr <aec9392@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:24 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,

Albert E Carlow Jr

Harrisville, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jasper Coutu <jaspercoutu5@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:22 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please do not tax me out of business.

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and a small charter boat business owner, captain, and operator, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats and sales tax of vessel related gear will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses such as my charter operation out of business and out of the state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry and small business charter operations!!

We are the Ocean State and now you're about to tax that out of business!

Sincerely,

Captain Jasper Coutu

Chris O'Brien

From: CamCrockLLC <camcrockfordllc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:16 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,
James Crockford

Chris O'Brien

From: Ryan Cresta <crestaryan22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:56 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,
Ryan Cresta
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Caggiano, Katie <Katie.Caggiano@CITIZENSBANK.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:48 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Reject 6256

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.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas <thomaspcarney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: I oppose H6256

I oppose the RI boating tax bill, this is a sure way to hurt the RI economy and make the residents taxed even heavier. You will see the marine trades leave here if you continue with the unnecessary taxes,

Thomas Carney

Been building his own boats since 16, i am not a rich man and i do not want this tax.

Chris O'Brien

From: Chamberlin, Theodore <tchamberlin@NEIT.EDU>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:55 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,

North Kingstown Resident

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Chris O'Brien

From: Cambra, Jonathan <jcambra@rwu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:31 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Jonathan Cambra
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 Cambra
Bristol RI 02809