
Chris O'Brien

From: Melanie Doherty <lambchop_nh3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:05 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. Moved my boat here because of Rhode Island's boater friendly environment and have spent tens of thousands of dollars here that could have gone to other states.

Chris O'Brien

From: Craig Dunlop <craighedunlop@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Stop taxing.

Enough. Stop taxing and start expense control. taxing boats is a bad ideas. We are the ocean state after all.

Craig E. Dunlop

Chris O'Brien

From: Tom Davis <td7271@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Caldwell, Justine A.
Subject: RI H6256

Good afternoon,

I am a resident of East Greenwich and am writing this email with regards to bill H6256 related to the proposed property tax on motor boats. This bill will result in the majority of boaters registering their boats out of state as use as a second home and subsequently lower revenue related to registration through DEM. Secondly this is the ocean state. There are tons of people who enjoy using the waterways with their family after they already spend a fortune of their hard earned money on the boat/storage/insurance/dockage/gas all of which employs thousands of Rhode Islanders in various roles whether it be marinas, boat shops, mechanics, gas attendants, restaurants and laborers. I felt compelled to reach out because I am a middle class worker and don't have a ton of money but I enjoy bringing my young child out on our boat and spending the weekends out there enjoy what our beautiful state has to offer.

To put things in perspective for you, my boat is 28 years old. I pay 6700 to dock it each summer, 3000 for winter storage, 1800 for insurance, several hundred for registration and that doesn't include any maintenance or gas to even use the boat. And mind you all of the money being used to pay for that has already been taxed by the state. At what point to we stop taking from people who are just trying to enjoy their time. It's insulting to everyone who works all day to enjoy a day on the water with their kids once a week.

Lastly, what is the return for the boat owner on this? I understand there are service when it comes to real estate taxes and same with road maintenance for vehicles....but I would be absolutely shocked if the state has any plans to utilize any funds with would be gained from this to offer services related to the water....each town that is coastal has their own harbor patrol, DEM has patrols and not enough bodies to increase patrols due to recruitment. Overall this is just another money grab by the state to interfere with everyday people. I hope you do the right thing and vote no on this bill. If there is any confusion on what exactly this bill aims to do on my end I would love further explanation from a member of the committee or my Rep. thank you.

Respectfully,
Thomas R. Davis
401-864-4721

Chris O'Brien

From: Dave Dispoto <DDispoto@traveridc.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:32 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 Dispoto, Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Henry duPont <henry@sailbi.org>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:31 PM
To: Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; House Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Spears, Tina L.
Subject: Oposition to H6256 – Don't Tax our Boats!

Dear Rep Abney, Chair, 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,

Capt. Henry duPont

Caot, Henry duPont, Director
Block Island Community Sailing, Inc.
PO Box 457
Block Island, RI 02807
henry@sailbi.org
401 741-5136

Chris O'Brien

From: Paul Desmarais <pdesmarais242@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:31 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please repeal the boat tax

If this passes I will attempt to sell my boats. The reason I went into boating was the no tax!

Please reconsider thank you
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Steve Dolan <stevendolan1953@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,

Steven Dolan

Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Mike & Jessica <mike_jessica77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
Michael and Jessica Dunk
Lincoln, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff D'Angelo <jdangelo@candjjewelry.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

Sincerely,
Jeffrey D'Angelo
Smithfield

Jeffrey D'Angelo
President
Narragansett Jewelry Co., Inc.
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Providence, RI
02907
Phone 401-944-2200

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Denton <pdenton@dentonvacuum.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: kmaass@iyrs.edu
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

YOU HAVE TO LOOK NO FURTHER THAN OUR LICENSE PLATES! THIS IS THE OCEAN STATE!

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.

I have been on the Board of Trustees of the IYRS School of Marine Trades in Newport for over 15 years. I have seen the benefits of a vibrant and growing marine industry in our state !for decades. **DON'T KILL THE GOOSE THAT LAYS THE GOLDEN EGGS**

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

Sincerely,

Audrey and Pete Denton

Newport, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: Brad Dean <bdean@deanwarehouse.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:56 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.

Brad Dean
Cumberland
CEO
Dean Warehouse Services Inc.
401-301-9115
www.deanwarehouse.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Duda <ericduda@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:28 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.

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

Sincerely,

Eric Duda

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Chris O'Brien

From: Christopher DelMastro <delmastro99@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:21 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,
Christopher DelMastro
South Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: George DiGregorio <v8george@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Sincerely,

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George DiGregorio
508-596-2207 MLO #349109

Chris O'Brien

From: Tom Drechsler <trdrechsler@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

I've owned & operated a number of boats in RI, large & small & continue to boat in the gem of the Northeast. Narragansett Bay. This is made possible only by the multitude of small businesses that rely on our support. There are a slew of market forces that make this difficult, please don't add to them.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Drechsler

Festina Lente
Make Haste, Slowly

Chris O'Brien

From: louisjdefusco@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:15 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, Louis DeFusco

West Greenwich RI

Chris O'Brien

From: adamd@cdiri.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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,

Adam Dias

North Kingstown

Adam Dias
President
Custom Design, Inc.
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C: 401-255-9419
www.cdiri.com

Chris O'Brien

From: lane duPont <lane.dupont@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Abney, Marvin L.
Subject: I Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats!

Dear Rep Abney, House Finance Committee Chair,

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,

Lane duPont
Wakefield RI

Chris O'Brien

From: HDP1 <hdp1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:04 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Boat Taxes

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,
Henry DiPietro
Newport, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Holly Duffy <ashton.holly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:00 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,
Holly Duffy
Barrington, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: David Disantis <dpd02879@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Boat Tax

Please vote no on Boat Tax Bill

Thank You
David DiSantis
[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: David Disantis <dpd02879@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:48 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee As+a+Rhode+Island+boater,+I+strongly+oppose+H6256.
Reinstating+a+tax+on+boats+will+hurt+everyday+Rhode+Islanders+by+pricing+us+out+of+access+to+our+waters,+driving+both+boaters+and+marine-related+businesses+out+of+state,+threatening+local+jobs+and+negatively+impacting+our+economy.
Please+vote+NO+on+H6256.+Don't+sink+Rhode+Island's+marine+industry. Sincerely, [Your+Name] [Your+Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Derek DeFalco <ddefalco2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:29 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: Ryan Douglas <redouglas20@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:27 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 Douglas
East Greenwich, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jay Dorsey <jay@jimdorseyandson.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:24 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,
James R Dorsey Jr
Portsmouth*

Chris O'Brien

From: Warren DiClemente <wjdiclemente@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,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Christopher Deauteo <chrisjimm@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:58 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose taxes on boats

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,
Christopher J. Desautel
Johnston*

Chris O'Brien

From: James Doorley <jdoorley3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:54 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,

James Doorley
Warwick, RI 02888

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas DiChiaro <tdichiaro851@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition of Bill H6256

Good evening,

I am emailing tonight to voice my strong concern and opposition of Bill H6256 that will put a property and sales tax on boats in the state. As a young boat owner, I have worked hard to be able to afford the already expensive cost of owning a boat. The Marine trade is lacking in young people, and I fear that this bill will make it impossible for young adults like myself to enter the industry. I am a soon-to-be college graduate, and I have hopes and dreams of being involved in the marine industry for the rest of my life. I hope you consider what I have to say.

Thanks,
Thomas DiChiaro

Chris O'Brien

From: Rebekah Dragomire <rebekahdragomire@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:13 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.

Sincerely,
Rebekah Dragomire
Lincoln, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Donna Costa <dcosta5843@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:13 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.

Donna Costa
19 Briarwood Hill Road
Exeter, RI 02822

Chris O'Brien

From: DeSimone, Christine <cdesimone@hinckleyyachts.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy

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

Kind Regards,
Chris

Christine DeSimone
Sales Administration, Hinckley Yachts | Hunt Yachts
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Cell: 410-271-8648 | cdesimone@hinckleyyachts.com

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Chris O'Brien

From: Vasco DeSousa <vdesousa54@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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,
Vasco De Sousa
Pawtucket*

Chris O'Brien

From: Tyler Divoll <tdivoll@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 - Vote NO

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,
Tyler Divoll
Portsmouth, RI

Sent from my iPhone.

Chris O'Brien

From: Kate <duperekatherine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:45 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.

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

Sincerely,
Kate Dupere

Chris O'Brien

From: Attila Delingat <attila.delingat@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,
Attila Delingat
Bristol RI