
Chris O'Brien

From: William Eade <bilpat02@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Chris O'Brien

From: edenbach3 <edenbach3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

The marine industry in the Ocean State was saved by the current tax policy; and RI doesn't have a lot of advantages otherwise.

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,

Charles Edenbach

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Wing, Edward <edward_wing_md@brown.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:51 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.

Ri should spend less rather than tax more, particularly a tax that would hurt its local economy.

Ed Wing

Chris O'Brien

From: AJ Elson <aelsonpatriots@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:27 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. This is a no-brainer to vote no. It will severely hurt the Rhode Island community.

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

Sincerely,
AJ Elson
Barrington, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Eliason <brian@northfishltd.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:55 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No!!!

Regards,

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From: Greg Erickson <greg@gle.me>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Bennett, David A.; Rep. Read, III, Earl A.; Rep. Shekarchi, K Joseph; Rep. Shanley, Evan P.; Rep. Solomon, Joseph J. Jr.
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,
Gregory L. Erickson
Warwick, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Gary Engelson <gary.engelson@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

Gary S. Engelson
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Chris O'Brien

From: CHRISTINE ENOS <chrissybean73@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:34 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear House FinanceCommittee

Asa+Rhodelsland+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,

Christine Enos
Barrington

Chris O'Brien

From: Lesley Engelson <lesley.engelson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:33 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.

Sincerely,

Lesley Engelson
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Narragansett, RI 02882

Chris O'Brien

From: Sylvia Edge <syledge@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:56 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H256

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Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

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

Sincerely,

Sylvia Edge

Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Barbara Emerson <bpe33@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

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

Sincerely, Don Emerson Smithfield, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Bryon Ehrhart <bgehrhart@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:04 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote NO on Boat Tax

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,

/s/ Bryon Ehrhart

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Chris O'Brien

From: David Easterbrooks <deasterbrooks@parecorp.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:35 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 and protect Rhode Island's marine economy

Importance: High

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly hurt the marine and boating industry in Rhode Island.

The economic recessions of the 1980s and 1990s caused many boat builders and marine companies in Rhode Island to close their doors permanently. The Rhode Island legislature recognized the importance of Rhode Island's maritime industry and voted to eliminate sales tax on boats and related services, allowing this industry to make a comeback. Rhode Island is once again considered to be a boating and sailing capitol in the United States, and well over 13,000 Rhode Islanders are employed in marine-related jobs.

House Bill 6256 would jeopardize Rhode Island's position as a national boating and marine capitol, and it would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders by making boat ownership less accessible. This proposal would drive boaters and marine businesses to neighboring states with more favorable tax policies resulting in the loss of jobs and revenue across much of Rhode Island.

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

Thank you,
David Easterbrooks
68 Holburn Avenue
Cranston, RI 02910

Chris O'Brien

From: Edge, Kevin <kevin.edge@fmr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose - H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,

*Kevin Edge
Saunderstown, RI*

Kevin Edge
Head of Business Contracts

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