

Chris O'Brien

From: Earl Faria <earl.faria@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 1:49 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 will negatively impact our economy. It also taxes one class of people without taxing other classes based on whether or not they have a boat. Has there been any study on just how much revenue will be generated by this? Has there been an impact study done on how this will affect the fishing industry in this state? Has there been any question as to how many owners will now NOT register their boats in Rhode Island and register in another state, thus causing not only the loss of the tax but also the registration fee? This kind of thing is very short sighted and one of the many reasons why the unfair automobile property tax was repealed. Instead of finding new ways to tax and fee the citizens of Rhode Island, the legislature should really try to cut wasteful spending and trim the budget drastically. It is something that is long overdue. For being the smallest state, the budget is one of the largest per capita in the country just outside the top 10. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Earl Faria
Coventry, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: C. Scott Free <cscottfree21@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 10:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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,
C. Scott Free
55 Governor Bradford Dr.
Barrington, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: richard fernie <rgfernie@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Sincerely,
Richard Fernie
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: drbriankevinfitzgerald@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:52 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

As a Rhode Island resident and boater, I write in strong opposition to H6256. Since RI removed the sales and property taxes on boats and services associated with them in 1993, the boating industry experienced large growth in jobs, boat building and sales. 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 needlessly damage the Rhode Island marine industry.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzgerald
s/v Saratoga II-Tartan 37-C
Bristol RI
240-472-4617

Chris O'Brien

From: Dirk Johnson <dirkaldrichjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: VOTE NO on H6256

Re-instating the tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine related jobs out of state and will negatively impact our state's economy.

-Dirk Johnson

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Flores <alexbueno@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:43 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Keep Rhode Island's Marine Economy Afloat

Dear House Finance Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to H6256. As someone who supports Rhode Island's coastal economy and access to our waters, I believe reinstating a tax on boats would be a major setback. It would discourage boat ownership, hurt local marinas and service providers, and risk driving marine-related jobs and businesses to neighboring states.

Rhode Island's marine industry plays a key role in our economy. Please protect it by voting NO on H6256.

Sincerely,

Alexander Flores
Providence

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Fischgrund <joe.fischgrund@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:15 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a property tax on boats could drive marine-related businesses out of state, thus threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy. It would be especially burdensome on middle and working-class owners of small boats. Many would be forced to simply not register their boats because they could not afford the tax, and with Federal cuts in the Coast Guard budget, enforcement would be impossible. Please vote **NO on H6256**.

Thank you,

Joseph E. Fischgrund

Wickford, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Roland Guyette <captainrolo@off-shorecharters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:43 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.

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

Sincerely,

Roland Guyette

Wakefield

As+a+Rhode+Island+boater,+I+strongly+oppose+H6256.

Chris O'Brien

From: John Fuller <john.m.fuller69@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:41 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: John Franco <franconj3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:43 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: proposed 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,

John Franco

Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Fay <chris.fay@greenwichstrategy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:32 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerning H6256

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

In 2002, shortly after getting married, my wife and I decided to make Rhode Island our home. Over the past 23 years we have run a successful consulting firm (steadily employing a small group of highly educated young people, most of whom moved to RI for the job at our elite firm); raised two children; and been active in a variety of civic roles (from starting an interfaith charity, which over the six years of its existence raised roughly \$150,000 for a variety of secular Rhode Island-based charitable organizations, to serving on an independent school board for a decade, to tutoring in the Providence school system).

Although these are our proudest accomplishments as Rhode Islanders, none of these was the impetus to make Rhode Island our home.

The thing that tipped the balance in favor of Rhode Island—caused us to elect to make it, and not Connecticut and not Massachusetts, home for our family and our business— was the sailing & boating culture.

To be sure, much of what is cultural is qualitative in nature.

But the absence of sales and property taxes for boat owners is an extremely quantitative and concrete expression of support. A strategic resolve by policy makers years ago that boating and sailing...and boaters...and boat makers and boat brokers and marinas and boating historians and on and on and on are really *important* in Rhode Island.

Rhode Island made a choice and issued a concrete and bold statement that sailing and boating are really important, when however, many decades ago, the decision was made that our state would not levy sales and property tax on boats.

As a lifelong economic analyst & strategy consultant – albeit focused on the private sector – there is no doubt in my mind that the benefits that accrue from this fact far exceed the “cost” of forgone revenue from such taxes.

Any analysis that might lead to a conclusion that reinstating sales and property tax on boats in Rhode Island would be on balance be economically favorable is surely flawed.

Please strike down the bill and retire the prospect of removing Rhode Island’s distinctly favorable tax treatment for the boating industry. It is a key success factor for our economy—not only on the obvious levels of employment, consumer consumption, and state level economic output. It is a point of distinction, and a key component of our identity. Of our culture, in the Ocean State.

Sincerely yours,
Chris Fay
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Bristol, RI 02809
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Apologies for dictation errors

Chris O'Brien

From: Bryan Fournier <fournibs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: FW: Boat Sales and Property 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,
Bryan Fournier
71 Island Dr.
Coventry, RI 02816

Chris O'Brien

From: Jillian Finkle <jfinkle@GrowSmartRI.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:42 PM
To: Senate Finance; House Finance Committee
Subject: Fw: Letter of Support for Main Streets RI
Attachments: SM Signed Main Street RI Legislative Support Letter 5.5.2025.docx

Hello,

I am forwarding this letter of support for S0174 and H5477, which are being discussed by both the House and Senate Finance Committees this evening, from the Office of Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos.

Thank you so much,

Jillian Finkle

Grow Smart RI

From: DeBlecourt, Jacob (LTGOV) <Jacob.DeBlecourt@ltgov.ri.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:36 PM
To: Jillian Finkle <jfinkle@GrowSmartRI.com>
Cc: Gray, Mark (LTGOV) <Mark.Gray@ltgov.ri.gov>; Folcarelli, David (LtGov) <David.Folcarelli@ltgov.ri.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for Main Streets RI

Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. Please see the attached letter of support on behalf of Lt. Governor Matos. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Thank you so much for contacting us.

All the best,
Jacob



Jacob deBlecourt (he/they)

Deputy Director of Policy and Communications

Office of Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

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Chris O'Brien

From: Kevin Fraser <kevinfraserjr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 No on 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,
Kevin Fraser
Coventry RI**

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Gordon Fletcher <riptide407@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:33 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: SUBJECT: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee - As a Rhode Island Boater for the last 30 years, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt all Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state; threatening local jobs; and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely,
Gordon Fletcher

Chris O'Brien

From: Randy Freeman, D.O. <randyfreemando@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:28 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,
Randy Freeman
Barrington, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: alan foisy <alan@duranteelectric.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Alan Foisy
401-559-6698
alan@duranteelectric.net



Chris O'Brien

From: David Funnell <cds1ne@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:26 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No tac

Send this email to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

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,
David Funnell

Chris O'Brien

From: David Funnell <cds1ne@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No tax

No tax on boats
Michelle

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Flowers <brian@lrse.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: FW: ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS

I do not own a boat but taxing boats will hurt the industry in the state I always try to support.

Brian Flowers
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From: Bristol Marine <jessicar@bristolmarine.ccsend.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:59 PM
To: Brian Flowers <brian@lrse.com>
Subject: ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS

Chris O'Brien

From: Jillian Finkle <jfinkle@GrowSmartRI.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Scott Wolf
Subject: H 5477 Supporting Testimony from Grow Smart RI
Attachments: Grow Smart RI Testimony Supporting H5477 2025.pdf; Main Street RI Legislative Support Letter RIIB 5.6.2025 - signed.pdf; Letter of Support_Grow Smart RI East Providence 3-25-25.pdf

Dear Christopher O'Brien:

Please find attached testimony from Grow Smart RI for the resolution to fund the statewide Main Street program being heard by your committee this afternoon.

I am also attaching letters of support on behalf of Mayor DaSilva of East Providence and William Fazioli of the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank.

Thank you,
Jillian Finkle
Deputy Director, Grow Smart RI



Jillian Finkle
Deputy Director & Main Street RI Director
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Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Fairfax <cfairfax@wellingtonyachts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Sales/Use Tax

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to register my disapproval of creating a boat sales or use tax in RI. RI has a thriving marine industry that directly benefits from this being a no tax state for boats. I remember well the luxury tax debacle and how many marine businesses folded as a result with the workers at these companies suffering the most.

Boat owners spend all kinds of money to not just purchase, but especially to maintain their boats. Insurance brokers, attorneys to set up LLC's, cleaners, painters, captains- many of whom are self employed and are already paying high taxes, will potentially suffer if this business goes elsewhere.

As a yachtbroker of sometimes larger crewed sailing yachts which are constantly on the move around the US or world, I know firsthand that we are able to direct owners to base out of RI and come here for large refits and to come here when it is time for them to sell, which can generate large commissions. In both instances, large sums of money are often spent and earned in salary and commissions and profit- all of which get taxed by RI and the state benefits from.

I am a strong NO vote and encourage you to look at the big picture when considering this decision.

Respectfully,

Chris Fairfax

Christopher B. Fairfax
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Chris O'Brien

From: john forys <forysjohnrx7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO to H6256

I oppose H6256.
DO NOT TAX BOATS.

thank you -
John Forys

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Fiske <beetlebuilder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee, As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely,

Brian Fiske
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Chris O'Brien

From: David Faria <treechopper77@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No h6256

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Committee,

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Please vote NO on

H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's Marine industry.

Sincerely, David Faria Tiverton, Rhode Island

Sent from my cellular device

Chris O'Brien

From: Tom La Fazia <islandlure@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:07 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256.

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Sincerely,

Tom LaFazia
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Chris O'Brien

From: Frank Flanagan <frankflanaganlaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:17 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please vote no on H6256

Please don't sabotage our boating/maritime industry.

Please.

V/R

Frank Flanagan

Lawyernewportri.com

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse any spelling errors.
The FLANAGAN LAW Offices, LLC. 401.849.3337

Chris O'Brien

From: sales@jdflanagan.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:13 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 6256

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As Rhode Island boaters for many years, we are now seniors with fixed income.

This tax would harm the boating community and may force us to give up something we had hoped to enjoy during retirement.

We urge rejection of this bill.

Respectfully,

Cherlyn and Jim Flanagan

Warwick

Chris O'Brien

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Warwick

Chris O'Brien

From: Paul Fleming <paulf@flemingandcompany.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee; editor@pbn.com
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.

The current laws have been in place for decades. That are not broken. They encourage the boating industry to stay in Rhode Island and manufacture boats and provide boating related services locally (and domestically). This current laws have been very successful.

Any vote to change them and turn your back on what got us here would be a travesty and voters will vote accordingly. We will follow this closely!

Paul Fleming

Chris O'Brien

From: Steve Fischer <steve@bluenoseyachts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:32 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 a terrible idea.

Regards,
Steve Fischer
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ralph F <ralphfontaine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Taxes on boats

To whom it may concern.

I fully reject the idea of taxing the marine boating industry.

You the RI representatives need to stop the already high taxes in RI forcing people and businesses from our state.

I'm in disbelief that you can possibly ask for more money from RI people. you have so many taxes already imposed on us,

Sin tax,

marijuana,

gambling.

gas tax

very hi property tax

school tax

water tax

sewage tax

Speed camera fines ie another tax that generates million.

electricity tax, and it goes on all brings you billions of dollars

Where is this money going is what you should be working on not how to take more.

I propose a independant Doge audit on RI.

thank you Ralph Fontaine

Chris O'Brien

From: Janet Fatulli <jfatulli@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on boats

I strongly oppose charging sales tax on boats and the marine industry. It's one of the few perks that sets us apart in this beautiful coastal state. Please consider the impact this will have on the industry.

Janet Fatulli
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Fahlman <pbfahlman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:43 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

From the initial purchase price to the ongoing annual maintenance costs and other spending associated with entertainment/hospitality associated with boating activities, this will have a devastating multiplier effect on the RI economy.

Consumer spending is a huge portion of RI's GDP. Quite frankly, boating is already a very expensive activity and this proposal is already affecting my pending decision to purchase a boat that has a purchase price higher than that of my 1st house with an annual spend for maintenance in excess of 10% of the purchase price without adding annual property taxes.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry that is a huge driver of RI's economy.

Sincerely,
Peter Fahlman
11 Mesa Drive, North Kingstown, RI 02852

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris <cfullam777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat sales tax

I recently moved to RI. As an avid boater one of the attributes I liked was there is no boat sales tax. Now I hear that may change. Please vote against it to keep RI boat friendly. I'm sure the majority of your constituents would agree

Thank you, Chris Fullam
Sent from my mobile phone

Chris O'Brien

From: J F <frenchjamie73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 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,
James D. French
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Casey Fasciano <sailcasey@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:16 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. I am currently about to purchase an 86' sailing yacht to bring to Newport. This bill could convince me otherwise.

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

Sincerely,

[Casey Fasciano]
[Newport, RI]

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Fletcher, Seth <sfletcher@hinckleyyachts.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,

Seth Fletcher
South Kingston

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Cody Fitzsimmons <caf1196@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:23 AM
To: House Finance Committee

I Am Strongly Against H6256 Boat Tax Bill

Cody Fitzsimmons
Ri Resident and Boater