
Chris O'Brien

From: Anthony J Golia <anthony.j.golia@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:43 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,

Anthony Golia
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Gaudreau <joesysco1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:56 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 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,

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Joe Gaudreau
45 Inkberry Trail
Narragansett RI
Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Doreen Grandell <rggrandell@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No taxes on boats! RI has enough taxes in the state and with economy where it is currently with the tariffs, and a recession looming, this would add further financial pressure to so many.
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Gauvin, Kyle <kgauvin647@g.rwu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: STRONG OPPOSITION TO H6256

HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

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.

One of the last pleasures of living in this over taxed and often underserved state is to get out on the water and forget the hellscape of Rhode Island politics. At this time I can barely afford to do so and often I am sitting on land waiting for my ancient but still serviceable boat to be repaired just so I can maybe get out on the water a few times a year to clam and fish and enjoy time experiencing the best resource Rhode Island has to offer the ocean.

Making it harder for the common man to enjoy this experience is probably not what you want to do but if this bill passes it is exactly what it will do. Impacting the marina's small engine repair mechanics and the ancillary businesses that support them as well as the local restaurants and locations that are visited by boat more than by car. I may not drive my truck from Coventry over to Bristol but I will take my small boat and motor over to Bristol just to get bagels at Bristol bagel or visit the restaurants on Thames or in Jamestown. Not to mention the sales tax free status of boats allows hundreds of extra sales of boats to occur in RI rather than MA or CT even though the inventory is sometimes better in those states. This would dramatically reduce sales for many yacht brokers in RI and therefore lower their revenue and end up costing RI more than the sales taxes would potentially make. This would make this option the worst financial decision for the state never mind one that is so unpopular it would risk re-election chances.

Don't be the typical politician Rhode Islanders are always bemoaning and make waves of change only to watch your waves wash away the benefits and strategic advantages not having these two specific taxes already affords us. Rhode Islanders didn't burn down the Gaspee to have politicians re tax us for minimal if any gain for the state. Ridiculous.

Sincerely,

Kyle Gauvin

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

Chris O'Brien

From: lawrence.gallogly@lmco.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Boat Tax

Dear Committee Members,

I, Lawrence P. Gallogly/private citizen, am writing in opposition to H6256, a proposed boat tax for Rhode Island.

As a lifelong Rhode Islander, I can think of nothing that exemplifies Rhode Island more than boating in our beautiful Ocean State. Many are drawn to our great State to take advantage of all the benefits our ocean offers through both the recreational and commercial boating industry. Reinstating a tax on boats will have a detrimental effect on all Rhode Islanders who enjoy the water. In these turbulent times, we must think of the impact on small businesses and boaters alike. We constantly say we want to be more pro-business and yet this is another example of doing the opposite. Let's encourage tourism, recreational boating and marine related businesses by voting NO on H6256.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Gallogly

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Air Mobility Programs
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Chris O'Brien

From: Allen Gammons <Allen.Gammons@commonmoves.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:25 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 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.*

*Allen Gammons
Newport Rhode Island
401-742-6050*

Chris O'Brien

From: Matt Grennan <matt.grennan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:29 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and life long resident, 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,

Matthew Grennan
Kingston, RI
matt.grennan@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Scott Gardner <gardner4@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 - Oppose

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,

Scott Gardner
Smithfield, Ari

Chris O'Brien

From: Marie Greene <memily36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:28 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: As a marine professional, 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: Glenn Giese <934bmx@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:34 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.

S/V Summer Home

Chris O'Brien

From: James Green <jlgreen5669@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 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. Having to pay taxes on my boat will most likely end my boating enjoyment in RI.

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

Sincerely
James Green
Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: DAVE GRASSO <grassodave@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

As a Rhode Island boater I strongly disagree on H6256 Reinstating tax on boats would threaten local jobs at marinas, restaurants, etc etc. Do not destroy a long Rhode Island history here at the ocean state.

Sincerely, David Grasso, Johnston R.I.

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Gill <briangill43@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:59 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

I am sending this email to the house finance committee I strongly oppose a tax on boats in the state of Rhode Island. This does not help anything doesn't help the environment. It doesn't help the boat owners. Please vote this down.

Chris O'Brien

From: Milton Giard <milton.giard@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:48 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,
Milton Giard
Warwick*

Chris O'Brien

From: D F Gunning <nfdrescue@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:59 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Taxes 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. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely, Donald F Gunning

NFDRescue@cox.net

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P.S. I have additional insight related to this subject if you are interested

Chris O'Brien

From: Aaron Gleixner <aarongleixner@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

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,

Aaron Gleixner, Block Island

Chris O'Brien

From: David Giorno <dday71@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boaters tax

Please do impose sales tax and property taxes on boats, it will hurt me personally and many of my friends.

Thanks

David Giorno

73 Ledward ave

Westerly ri 02891

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Ron Gilman <rmg0077@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:36 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,

Ron Gilman
Barrington, R.I.

Chris O'Brien

From: steven_gregoire <steven_gregoire@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:30 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax h6256

I oppose the boat tax H6256

Chris O'Brien

From: James GREENLESS <jgreenless1@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No taxes on boats
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: James Gray <james@viti.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:18 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,

James Gray
Tiverton, RI 02878
401-864-1761 cell

Chris O'Brien

From: Sam Gozelski <sgozelski4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:57 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,
Sam Gozelski
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Geoffrey Greve <greveg57@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:51 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Regarding H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater for over 20 years,

I strongly oppose H6256.

Thank you.

Geoffrey Greve

226 Seaview Ave, Swansea Ma 02777

Mobile 508 400 3324

Chris O'Brien

From: Gary Goldberg <ggoldberg@squadlocker.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:51 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Please don't tax my sailboat!

Thanks!

Gary



Gary Goldberg

Founder at SquadLocker

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Chris O'Brien

From: eric gardell <ericgardell@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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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,
Eric Gardell
East Providence

Chris O'Brien

From: Caitlyn Greene <caitlyn.greene07@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:01 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose Boat Tax – Say No to H6256

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As someone who lives, works, and enjoys the waters of Rhode Island, I strongly oppose H6256.

Bringing back a tax on boats would place an unfair burden on local families and small businesses, many of whom depend on affordable access to the water for recreation and livelihood. This bill threatens to push boaters and marine jobs out of state, hurting our local economy and coastal communities.

Please vote NO on H6256. Let's keep Rhode Island's waters open, accessible, and economically strong.

Sincerely,

Caitlyn Greene
Narragansett, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Erin Gonzalez <egonzalez@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:00 AM
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.

Thank you,
Erin Gonzalez
Industrial Engineer

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ben & Cait <therealollicco@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please Vote NO on H6256 – Protect Rhode Island Boaters and Jobs

Dear House Finance Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. As a Rhode Island boater, I believe reinstating a tax on boats would be a serious mistake.

This proposal risks putting boating—and the jobs tied to it—out of reach for many Rhode Islanders. It would discourage marine business in our state, drive economic activity elsewhere, and undermine an industry that is vital to our coastal communities.

Please reject H6256 and stand up for our marine economy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ben Grossman
Narragansett, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Grunt82nd <jgomes82@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO on Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I implore you to vote NO on H6256. Reinstating a boat tax will cripple our state's marine industry, forcing boaters and businesses to relocate. This ill-conceived tax will cost Rhode Island jobs and harm our economy. Please do not jeopardize our marine sector.

Sincerely,

João Gomes

Chris O'Brien

From: Paul Goozey <pgoozey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:04 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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.

We need a team like the Doge team to come into RI, I'm sure our funds are not probably managed.

Sincerely,
Paul Goozey
North Kingstown

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: David Glaude <dglaude@dkpower.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:14 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.

This horrible idea will devastate all of the RI ocean communities that invite boaters from all over New England. Tourist spending will be drastically reduced and visitors to Newport, Jamestown, Barrington, Wickford, Warren, Bristol, Middletown, Portsmouth, Providence, Warwick, East Greenwich, Narragansett, Southern shoreline and Block Island will choose other locations to spend the money. This idea makes no sense. We are the OCEAN STATE!!

Sincerely,

Glaude Family
East Greenwich RI

David M. Glaude

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Chris O'Brien

From: Normand Goyette <ngoyette@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:15 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,
Normand Goyette
Tiverton RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Wayne Gablinske <waynegab@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:50 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,

Wayne A. Gablinske
48 Beach Road
Bristol, RI 02809

Chris O'Brien

From: Anna Graves <annagraves@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose RI House Bill 6256 (H6256)

Dear House Finance Committee,

I understand that RI House Bill 6256 (H6256) has been tabled for decision and I want to reiterate that this will negatively impact ALL boaters and our strong boating community. Not to mention, the trickledown effect to those in the marine trades.

It is very easy to say that boat owners are all rich and that this will only hurt them, but that is not true. The average boat owner in RI makes \$75,000 or less annual Household income. According to a recent NMMA Policy Brief, "**Boaters are Middle Class**. More than 3 out of 4—79 percent— current boat owners have an average household income of less than \$100,000. Sixty-two percent of current boat owners earn less than \$75,000 per year."

This will negatively impact the boating industry in general. I am strongly against taxing boats. If this bill is passed it will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders, block access to boating for many of us and ultimately drive boaters and the marine trades out of state.

Please do not pass RI House Bill 6256 (H6256).

Sincerely,
Anna Graves
47 Chiswick Rd.
Cranston, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Gajewski <gajewski52@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 7:12 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
Richard Gajewski
Warren RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Judy Glover <judyg51874@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 9:08 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.
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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, [judith glover] [coventry RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jason Gaudette <gaudetteje@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

As a Rhode Island resident of 20 years and an engineer at a major defense contractor in this state, I can say that my family has paid more than my fair share of taxes over the years.

I am genuinely dissappointed by the boat tax voted on today. I get it. Boat owners have expendable income and it's easy to argue we should "tax the rich." But this is Rhode Island and most middle class families like mine have boats yet are not rich. I have two kids entering college and as a single parent supporting a household, I am a far cry from wealthy. Yet, like most Rhode Islanders I know, I enjoy and, in fact, live for summers on the water here. How unfortunate that we are now being gouged by the state for this privilege.

What exactly will the boat tax money be used for? Are we filling pot holes in the water? Is it offsetting carbon emissions from my sailboat? Help me understand how this makes sense. My town had a sensical vehicle tax based on the value of the car we own and it was easily justifiable. Why not tax autos to help offset the pollution and road repairs?

Jason

Chris O'Brien

From: dglenn4@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:25 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.

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 Glenn
Coventry, RI***

Chris O'Brien

From: Bernard Gustin <bhgustin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island taxpayer, voter, and boater and for over 30 years, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will:

1. Directly drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state
2. Threaten innumerable local jobs, and
3. Negatively impact one of the most important sectors of Rhode Island's economy.

As you surely recognize from the historical context, Rhode Island's present exemption of sales taxes on boats was the direct result of the Legislature's appropriate response to the devastating consequences for Rhode Island's economy and labor force of taxes targeting "luxury" goods such as boats in the distant past.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Don't do anything that would put Rhode Island's extremely important and valuable marine industry, all those who have invested in it, and its thousands of vulnerable workers at risk.

Sincerely,

Bernard H Gustin
221 Third Street - Suite 204, Newport, Rhode Island 02840

Chris O'Brien

From: Ray Gutowski <ray@pinnaclewealthmanagementri.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:53 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,

Best Regards,

Ray Gutowski, CMFC®, CRPC®
President/Private Wealth Advisor
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Chris O'Brien

From: Judy Glover <judyg51874@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:47 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, [Your+Name] [Your+Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Ann Gardner <asgardner13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote No on 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,

Ann Gardner
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ryan Grabert <ryan.grabert@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Taxes 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.

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

Sincerely,
Ryan
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Roland Guyette <captainrolo@off-shorecharters.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:42 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 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

Chris O'Brien

From: Ellen Grennan <ellengrennan@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear Legislators,

Even though I am no longer a boat owner and know that the State is having a difficult time because of Federal cuts, taxing a thriving industry in RI is not acceptable. We need all the revenue that boaters bring to the local economy. Please vote 'No' to another tax.

Thank you,
Ellen Grennan
North Kingstown
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Galster <pmgalster@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:29 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 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,

Peter M. Galster
151 West Main Street
Wickford, Rhode Island 02852
1-401-269-1012

Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas Gonsiorowski <bahtg@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: SAY NO TO 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.

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

Sincerely,
Thomas Gonsiorowski
Jamestown, RI