

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** rebecca gremour <sailawayred@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:18 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Reinstating a tax on boats

Dear house finance committee, as a RI boater, I strongly oppose H6256 pleas vote NOon H6256 don't sink RI marine industry sincerely George & Rebecca Gremour. Warwick

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**From:** LAWRENCE GOTCH <brendang@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:17 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax.

Another tax is equivalent to raising the rent. When you do that some people will leave. Now is not the time.  
Larry Gotch  
Newport  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Rob Gaulin <gaulin.rob@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

Dear House Finance Committee Members:

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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,

*Robert V. Gaulin*  
917.757.0757  
Gaulin.Rob@gmail.com

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**From:** Mark Gulino <mark.gulino@oceanstatecpl.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:00 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** tax boating

Dear house finance committee as a Rhode Island I strongly oppose H6256

Mark E. Gulino  
General Manager  
**Ocean State CPL**

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**From:** Victor Gano <vgano@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:29 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** I oppose H6256-Don't Tax Boats

Dear Rhode Island House Finance Legislature, I oppose H6256-Don't Tax Boats. Victor Gano

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**From:** PETER GRUBER <petewentsailing@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:10 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

I was shocked to learn the house is considering h6256. I am VEHEMENTLY opposed to this misguided legislation.

As a Bristol resident involved in the boating community, our marine trades represent a backbone of our employment. We have so many good jobs in the marine trades in RI.

We have these good jobs because many residents of other states choose to keep their boats in RI BECAUSE of our favorable tax treatment, compared to their alternatives.

Our entire state benefits from these good jobs.

I urge you to vote no on this legislation.

Peter Gruber  
Bristol RI

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

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**From:** Art & Pam Ganz <ganzap@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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**From:** Steven Gardner <sgardner@negreenconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No to boat tax

Steven D. Gardner  
ACCA Certified System,Duct Designer  
Northeast Green Consulting  
17 Acacia Road  
Bristol, RI 02809-2600  
401 644 4472 phone  
401 633 6835 fax



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**From:** Kathleen Gerard, ABC-RI <kathleen@abc-ri.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:02 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** testimony SUPPORTING HB5472  
**Attachments:** ABC-RI testimony SUPPORTING HB5472 (r4ri).pdf

Please find attached our testimony supporting HB 5472.  
Thank you!

Kathleen

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Kathleen Gerard (she/her)  
[Advocates for Better Care in Rhode Island](#)

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**From:** Genko Genev <g2@ggtechnologies.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:46 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders by making boat ownership less accessible and placing unnecessary strain on a vital sector of our economy.

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 our coastal communities. The current exemption has helped build a thriving marine industry that benefits marinas, service providers, local clubs, and waterfront towns alike.

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

**Please note my name change and new e-mail**

**Genko V. Genev**

*President*

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**From:** Don Goodroe <dgoodroe1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:50 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,

Don Goodroe  
Warwick, RI

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**From:** Peter GRITTNER <grittnerpm@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:23 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
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*Sincerely,  
Peter Grittner  
Warwick, RI*

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**From:** Leon Goldstein <sun-swept@live.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:19 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.

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**From:** Victoria Guck <finance@startinglinesailing.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:17 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Say NO to Tax on Boats

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Sincerely,

Victoria

Bristol, RI



**Victoria Guck**  
Controller  
*Starting Line Sailing*  
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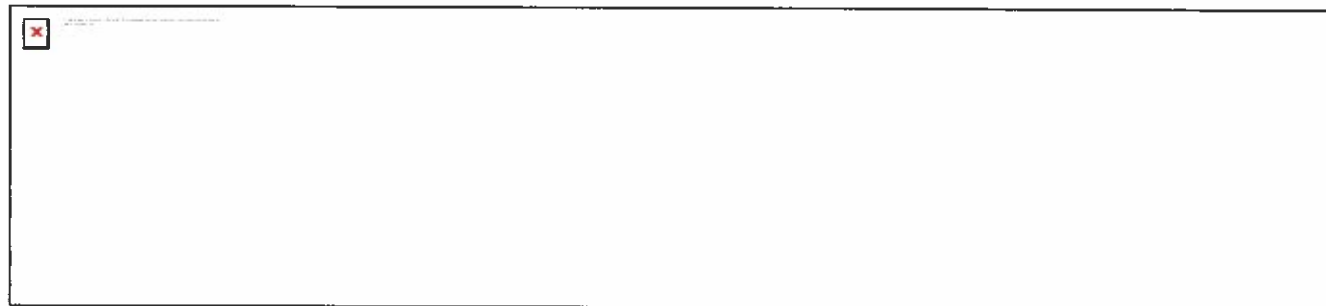
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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:56 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; Rep. Carson, Lauren H.; Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Rep. Finkelman, Alex S.  
**Subject:** Vote No on H6256



Dear House Finance Committee and local members of the House,

As Commodore of the Twenty Hundred Club, a local sailing club based on Narragansett Bay, and as a lifelong native of Aquidneck Island, I strongly oppose H6256.

Rhode Island is the Ocean State for a reason. Its access to the water is unparalleled and is not only the lifeblood for many of our residents, it also serves as a huge tourism boom, which keeps the lights on for many local families (and adds quite a bit to the State's coffers in tolls over the Newport Bridge). On the sailing front, and as a young sailor myself, there is no question that the sport's demographic is rapidly aging out and access is already too expensive for many young sailors to participate. The local marine industry relies on these young sailors to join the marine labor force and these young sailors will in many instances be the leaders of maritime business into the future.

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**Twenty Hundred Club**



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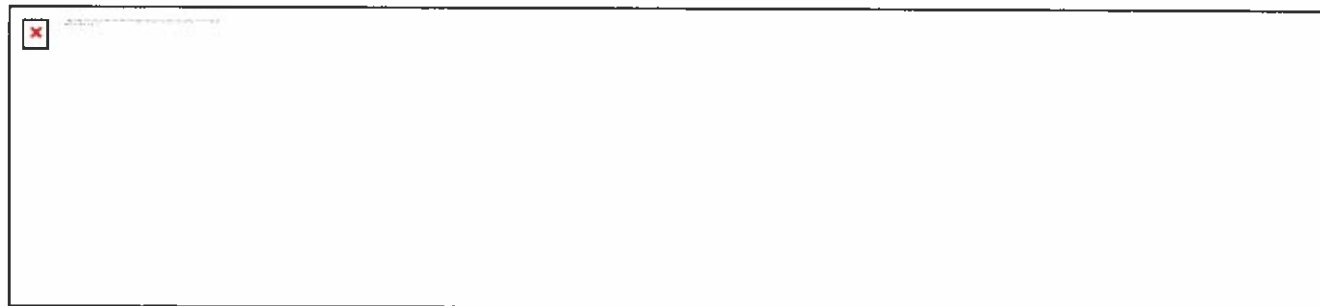
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[Timothy Grimes, Commodore](#)  
[Twenty Hundred Club](#)

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**From:** Joe Goodness <hunter093016@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Vote no on H6256

This would cause catastrophic hardship on the commercial fishing industry in Rhode Island. Please vote no!

Joe Goodness  
798 south rd  
Wakefield, RI 02879  
Sent from my iPad

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:47 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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Sincerely,

Gisele Golembeski

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**From:** Galvin, Andrew @ Providence <Neil.Galvin@cbre.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:49 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposing new legislation (H-5473)

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Abney  
HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
Rhode Island State House – Room 35  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

OPPOSE H 5473

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

My name is Andrew Galvin and I live in Middletown, RI and my office is in Providence

I am writing today express my strong opposition to H 5473, which seeks to increase personal income tax rates. Higher taxes will hurt everyone – from small businesses to the non-profits that rely on philanthropy to the single mother who can't find a well-paying job.

The proposed increase in H 5473 is aimed directly at small "mom and pop" businesses that pay taxes as a pass-through entity. Higher taxes will only serve to burden successful small businesses, making it harder to create jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Furthermore, increasing taxes will make Rhode Island less competitive compared to other states. Businesses are constantly evaluating their options when it comes to location, and higher taxes can be a significant factor in their decision-making process. If Rhode Island becomes less tax-friendly, businesses may choose to locate or relocate to states with more favorable tax policies, taking jobs and revenue with them.

In order to promote economic growth and prosperity in Rhode Island, it is crucial that we maintain a business-friendly environment. I urge you to oppose H 5473 and work towards policies that businesses and encourage investment in our state.

Sincerely,

Andrew

N. Andrew Galvin | Senior Vice President  
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**From:** Jeff Gray <jeff@viti.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:03 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Proposed Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a lifetime 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,

Jeffrey Gray  
Tiverton, RI 02878

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** John Giannunzio <john@gtecllc.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

Sent from my iPhone  
Boating is expensive enough  
We don't need another tax

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**From:** Benoit Gauthier <2benoitgauthier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:37 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please reject H6256

Dear Legislators,

Please recognize the exemption provision for boats has resulted in significant middle class job creation in our state. Out of state firms have relocated to build their workforces here as a result. Please consider the payroll tax revenue from manufacturing, systems installation and maintenance in comparison to the sales tax revenue. The clients for the larger transactions can take delivery elsewhere. H6256 would disassemble our local marine ecosystem.

Respectfully,  
Ben Gauthier  
Little Compton, RI

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**From:** Gerardo Guarino <jag81356@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:28 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** House bill # 6256

Sent from my iPhone we say NO to Bill # 6256

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**From:** Roland Gendreau <ferllyr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:24 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.

Roland Gendreau  
Bristol, RI

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**From:** Matthew Gaul <mattgraul@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** HB6256 opposition

To whom it may concern:

As a lifelong RI resident and boater, I strongly oppose the implementation of a sales and/or property tax on boats. This is a danger to our robust marine economy on multiple fronts.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Gaul

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**From:** Jay Greenwood <jaygreenwood79@yahoo.com>  
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**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

On tax on boat owners. We are taxed on everything!!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Tyler Gay <gay.tyler442@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** VOTE NO - H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,  
Tyler - Portsmouth

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Sincerely  
James Green  
Portsmouth RI

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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**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:21 AM  
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**Please consider us taxpayers and ask the state to instead reduce the spending across all departments by 5-10%. Continued taxation is the wrong approach. Stop the spending.**

**Sincerely,**

**John Gifford  
98 State Street  
Bristol, RI 02809**

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

Sincerely,

John Golia  
South Kingstown

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** John Greichen <jgreichen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax bill

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John and Patricia Greichen  
Newport RI  
John



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**From:** Aedan Gleeson <aedanglee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Tax Proposal H6256

Dear sir/madam on the house finance committee.

As a boater in RI I strongly oppose H6256.

Please vote against H6256

Aedan Gleeson  
Newport, RI

Aedan Gleeson  
M.508-294-5383  
Sent from my iPhone - apologies for typing errors.

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**From:** Peter Gonzalez <peter.w.gonzalez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:30 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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*Sincerely,*

*Peter Gonzalez  
Providence*



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**From:** Gould, Phil <pgould@lincolnri.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; House Finance Committee; Rep\_Shallcross Smith; Rep. Ackerman, Mia A.; repconstantino@aol.com  
**Cc:** Jennifer Slattery; Randy Rossi  
**Subject:** House Bill 5393  
**Attachments:** House bill 5393.pdf; Lincoln sidewalks.pdf

Good afternoon, I respectfully ask this be accepted as support for House bill #5393. Please let me know if you have follow up questions.

Regards,

*Philip G. Gould*

**Lincoln Town Administrator**  
100 Old River Rd  
Lincoln, RI 02865  
Phone: 401-333-1100



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**From:** Edmund & Corinne Green <eccbgreen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:30 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** State Taxes on Boats

I bought a boat in Rhode Island 6 years ago with every intention of harboring it in Massachusetts or Maine. But with the favorable tax implications of Rhode Island, the boat has remained at Dutch Harbor in the summer and Wickford in the winter for those six years. Many dollars have been spent not only mooring, maintaining and wintering the boat but also patronizing Jamestown restaurants, stores and the such. If a tax were to be implemented, I would definitely explore other options. Rhode Island has a unique niche in the marine industry. It would be a mistake to see it go away.

Edmund Green  
Stow, Massachusetts

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** WILLIAM GEORGE <willamegeorge@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:01 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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*We are THE OCEAN STATE! Keep it that way. Boating is critical to the RI economy.*

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

*Sincerely,*

*Bill George  
South Kingstown, RI*

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jared Goodwin <jaredxgoodwin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:49 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Good afternoon,

I'm a resident of Wakefield, RI and I want to let you know that I oppose a tax on boats.

Jared Goodwin

74 Davids Way  
Wakefield, RI 02879

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** John Gaffney <jgaffney@theproutschool.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256-don't tax boats

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*Sincerely,*

John Gaffney  
The Prout School  
School Counselor  
International Student Coordinator

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**From:** Patrick Gaudreau <pgrink33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 PM  
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Patrick Gaudreau  
Narragansett RI

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