

Chris O'Brien

From: Adam Langerman <adam@langermandesign.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:34 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,
Adam Langerman
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Derek Leigh <derek.leigh@bluewaterboatsales.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: VOTE NO!

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island yacht broker small business, I strongly oppose H6256. The marinas will slowly empty and the revenue from the sales of food, gas, ice, liquor, clothes, and entertainment will all disappear and stay in neighboring states! 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,
[Derek Leigh]
Warwick RI]*

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Derek Leigh
401-241-7342
[BlueWater WebSite](http://BlueWaterWebSite.com)



Chris O'Brien

From: Stephen <stephenlac@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on Boats

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*Sincerely,
Stephen R. LaCroix
Portsmouth*

Chris O'Brien

From: David LaPorte <dlaporte@atrtreehouse.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

The jewelry industry has left the state. The textile industry has left the state. There is very little high tech. Higher education is under attack. The initiatives for biotech have largely failed. The film industry was going great guns for a few years, but has largely petered out. The hospitality industry had a terrible winter, and I expect that projections are down. The state has ranked near the lowest in the country for small businesses. The fisheries industry is already hurting and the fleet getting increasingly smaller.

This is the *Ocean State*. The marine industry is the only piece of legacy we have left, please don't ruin that too. Taxes on boats will only do more harm. A tax on boats would just be another shovel full of dirt from a hole that's already too deep.



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Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Levins <jefflevins@richardscorp.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: no boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Thank You;

Jeffrey H. Levins

Chris O'Brien

From: Matt <lambertmj@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:47 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Sincerely,

- Matthew J. Lambert
Wakefield, RI 02879

Chris O'Brien

From: Karen Lian <klian7292@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:56 PM
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Sincerely,

Karen Lian
Coventry

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: JOSEPH LUMB <joelumb@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote No on Boat Tax

RI has been a haven for boaters and manufacturers that seek to do business here. We cannot afford more taxes. Kill this bill.

Joseph Lumb

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: chris lynch <lynchele@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Rob Lyons <rob@oceanhousemarina.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

I have run a successful marine business for the last 40 years. This business, Ocean House Marina, located in Charlestown benefited greatly when the Sales Tax on boats was repealed. Our location, close to the CT border, made the tax repeal a distinct advantage over our competitors from our neighboring state. I was able to grow my business employing as many as 26 people. The business continues to prosper, however this proposed Bill H6256 threatens to stymie our growth. Therefore, I vehemently oppose proposed Bill H6256.

Sincerely,

Robert Lyons
Charlestown

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Chris O'Brien

From: Normand Lambert <norm.lambert20@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:26 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax

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Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Lesnik <michaelalesnik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote no on H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Michael Lesnik
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Alice Libby <serenita1@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Mark Costanzo
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
Alice Libby

Douglaston, NY

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: William Loehning <bloehning@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Chris O'Brien

From: Jennifer Lopes <joeiii5@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:07 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Bulk Lopes
Middletown RI

Chris O'Brien

From: William Lopes <williamlopes974@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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*Sincerely,
William Lopes*

Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: mellissa <mellissa@tristaroilheat.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:04 PM
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Sincerely,
Manuel lopes
Tiverton RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ken Leonard <quahogjuice@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Boat Tax!!

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Ken and Laurie Leonard
Narragansett

Chris O'Brien

From: ian Leitao <rangerchartersri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:25 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax and H6256

Good morning,

With recent news of this tax on the marine industry I can tell you that as a local shell fisherman and charter captain these taxes would be detrimental to my way of life. I strongly appose this and vote against. Please understand the impact this will have on small local business and not the safe harbors of the world.

With appreciation,

Ian Leitao

C: 401-363-8007

Chris O'Brien

From: Alcide LHeureux <bigbaddad16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:23 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]alcide LHeureux
[Your+Town] lincoln

Chris O'Brien

From: Don LaRose <reeladdiction1966@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Sales and annual taxes on boats is a terrible way to generate revenue. The down side of this action would off set any profits that could be realized in the long run.

Chris O'Brien

From: John Lombardi <jlombardi.wny@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:11 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
John Lombardi
Charlestown, RI



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Chris O'Brien

From: cecelia leser <dee61@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:32 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax

Sent from my iPhone Not sure if everyone realizes what's going on with Rhode Island and the bill coming up on Tuesday to introduce Sales AND property taxes on boats.

Here is what you need to know and what you can do to stop this.

URGENT: Tell House Finance Committee to Say NO to the Boat Tax

The Committee Hearing is on Tuesday

Proposed bill H6256 would reinstate a sales and annual property tax on boats in Rhode Island. Reinstating this tax would reverse years of growth in our state economy and hurt the working families and businesses that rely on recreational boating. This would result in boats leaving the state, spending would decline and small marine businesses and local jobs will suffer.

Make your voice heard before Tuesday. Let's show lawmakers just how strong Rhode Island's boating community is.

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Send this email to: HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,

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[Your Town]narragansett

Chris O'Brien

From: Edward T. Lopes <etlopespe@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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*Sincerely,
Ed Lopes
Portsmouth, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: David L <davidclatham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:12 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.

Sincerely
David Latham
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Chris O'Brien

From: Dawn Laman <lamand@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:02 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.

Dawn Laman

Chris O'Brien

From: A to Sea Marine Services Andy Laws <atosea.andy@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Dont tax the boating industry

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.

As a marine professional I strongly oppose reinstating a tax on boats as it will be the death nell for marine trades in an area once famous for boat building and design.

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

Sincerely,

Andrew Laws

A to Sea Marine Services
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@atosea.andy

Chris O'Brien

From: Dawson Leonard <djl021@bucknell.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Committee member:

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.

Dawson Leonard
(401) 477-9508

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Lynch <dynamik88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 !!!

Hi House Finance Committee,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to you today as a concerned Rhode Island boater. I'd like to express my fullest opposition to H6256. Putting a tax back on boats isn't going to help anyone – it'll really hurt everyday Rhode Islanders like me. People are already struggling to make ends meet. This will make an already expensive endeavor almost impossible for people to afford. It'll make enjoying our beautiful waters too expensive for a lot of our residents. That means fewer jobs and a less vibrant economy for our state.

It also means that the elected officials responsible for the approval of this bill will not be getting my vote in the future. Many others in the boating community will be also voting differently if this bill passes.

Let's keep Rhode Island's marine industry afloat! Please vote NO on H6256.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Michael Lynch
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: GLevinod <glevinod@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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Greg Levin
Lisa Levin
Austin Levin
Jake Levin

Chris O'Brien

From: fawn077@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,

Sophie Lemay

Greenville, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Gregory Levy <levy.greg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:14 PM
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Sincerely,

Greg Levy
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Joshua Lanni <28coffeyave@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO HOUSE BILL #6256
Attachments: NO TO HOUSE BILL #6256.pdf

Chris O'Brien

From: Joshua Lanni <joshlanni15@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:06 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO HOUSE BILL #6256
Attachments: NO TO HOUSE BILL #6256.pdf

Chris O'Brien

From: Cam Lewis <c.lewis@osjl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:17 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: BILL H6256

Dear House Finance Committee.

As a lifelong Rhode Island resident and boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will not be a new revenue stream but rather the demise of boating and marine related businesses with our State. It will drive marine related employers and businesses to other states, threaten many local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

Rhode Island is known as the Ocean State and has a deep maritime history. Many people move and live here because of our abundant access to fishing, boating, sailing and some of the best seafood in the Nation. While it's true that there are many "Yachts" located within our State, a majority of these are registered out of state in places like Delaware and Florida. Your bill will do nothing to these vessels.

However, your bill will most likely have a devastating effect on the average RI citizens. The average Rhode Island boater is more likely to own an older, smaller boat used for family recreation or an older fishing vessel they painstakingly maintain to earn a living. These are not the big yachts you see in our Marinas. These citizens spend more money maintaining their boats, supporting local businesses, than the boat is probably worth. I know, because I am one.

My 26 foot sailboat is over 40 years old and probably worth between \$4000-\$6000. Using the high value estimate, a 7% tax would net the State about \$420.00. But my yearly spend just to maintain my boat far exceeds that. I pay the town of North Kingstown a yearly mooring fee. I support a local marina that launches my boat in the spring and hauls it in the fall. I pay for yearly maintenance on my mooring. I purchase miscellaneous items from West Marine in Warwick and the Marine Consignment Store in Wickford. I use a local maintenance shop to maintain my small 2 HP outboard. All these purchases, supporting local business, are in danger of going away if the State passes H6256.

Bill H6256 is epitome of Rhode Island cutting off its nose to spite its face.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely
Cameron Lewis
121 Main Street
Wickford, RI 02852

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Chris O'Brien

From: Bolt LaMotte <BLaMotte@mcmnewport.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:15 AM
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,
Bolt LaMotte
Jamestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Rebecca Lee <rebaroselee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: I Strongly Appose H6256

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,

Rebecca Lee and Zachary Hudson

Tiverton, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: Dz Latinville <teamdz12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee

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Sincerely, Alphonse Latinville...

Chris O'Brien

From: MaryEllen Lacroix <mec11165@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 OPPOSE!

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Mary Ellen Lacroix
Warwick , RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Kevin Luk <ktlclm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

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Sincerely, Ben Luk, Warren,RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Lavin <clavin3366@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Please vote No on this bill.

R.I. has been a smart state harbormaster for recreational boaters for many years, making it affordable and safe. Keep a steady course. There are many, other revenue sources available.

Chris & Nancy Lavin

Wakefield

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Karen Lunn <klunn7755@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:22 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to HB 6256

Hello,

I am writing to you because I strongly oppose the HB6256 which would eliminate the sales and use tax on boats in Rhode Island. Although I live in Massachusetts, I bought and keep my boat in Rhode Island. I have been boating in Rhode Island for over ten years and spend 15,000 .00 to 18,000.00 annually. This includes winter storage, marina fees, fuel, repairs and maintenance, fishing tackle and bait. Not to mention we visit many local restaurants and businesses throughout the year. My passion is fishing and boating and as a retired person living on a fixed income this would create a burden on me. I ask you to oppose this bill.

Respectfully,
James Lundy
3 Tiffney rd
Foxboro, Ma

Chris O'Brien

From: Brent Levenson <brent.levenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:22 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Sincerely,
Brenton Levenson

Tiverton, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: adam lotz <lotzzo1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:18 PM
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Adam Lotz jr

263 Stone Church Rd

Tiverton RI 02878

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From: Brandon Lake <venatorenterprise@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:18 PM
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Sincerely,

Thank you,

Capt. Brandon Lake of Foster RI, 02855

Chris O'Brien

From: Syl <sloize@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a RI boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. This would have significant impact of everyday Rhode Islanders like myself who greatly enjoy being able to enjoy our beautiful Narragansett Bay. Boating is already very expensive and for a middle class family, adding the cost of taxes as you are considering, would make it untenable to continue and pose a huge loss not only for my family, and myself, but would also impact our smaller local marine business that I currently support.

Sincerely,

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Chris O'Brien

From: Jon Lord <jonathan@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:49 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please Oppose H6256 – Don't Sink Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island resident and boater, I urge you to oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt middle-class families, push boaters out of state, and *crush local marine businesses* that rely on a healthy in-state market. This shortsighted policy would jeopardize jobs, drive away investment, and unravel the progress we've made in strengthening Rhode Island's marine economy.

Please vote NO on H6256. Let's keep our waters accessible and our marine industry thriving.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Lord
East Providence

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Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Lamanna <rlamanna21@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:47 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 Lamanna

Barrington, RI

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