

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Pastfan 86 <pastfan86@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 12:04 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No on Boat Taxes; Heck No on Bottle Bill

Hello. As a resident of RI, I strongly oppose boat taxes and the bottle bill (also effectively a tax).

We cannot tax our way to prosperity, both of these measures impact taxpayers - and voters, who will speak at the ballot box.

Thank you.

Earl Larson III  
Narragansett

Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Amy Lopes <chowpawz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:58 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*

*Amy Lopes*

*Portsmouth, RI*

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**From:** Kenneth Lucas <kenneth.lucasus@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Objection

*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]*

Kenneth & Lisa Lucas Warwick Ri

Sent from my iPhone

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Doug Lacombe <douglacombe4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:49 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

We don't need anymore taxes.  
We need to control spending.

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Gidget Loomis <thesailorstailor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:53 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H 6256

Dear House Finance Committee - I strongly oppose H6256. I have been in the marine industry for over 40 years. With prices of everything increasing, and import taxes rising dramatically, RI residents don't need more taxes. Many of us in the industry are scraping by, still trying to recover from Covid. Many boat owners are trying to save enough to keep their boats functioning.

Adding/reinstating boat taxes will further slow boat sales and trickle down to those of us who depend on boat owners for our livelihoods.

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

Sincerely, Harriett "Gidget" Loomis, N Kingstown

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Daniel Legault <dlegault1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO

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,  
Dan Legault  
Warwick

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

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**From:** Pete Levesque <pete.levesque@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:13 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,  
Peter Levesque  
Little Compton*

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** James Liddell (Jim) <jimlbristol96@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Tax Exemption for Boating Industry

**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.*

*James Liddell*

*Bristol, Rhode Island*

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**From:** Bill L <wleuci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:35 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,  
William J. Leuci  
Kingston, RI*

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**From:** Tony Lopez <tonylopez9@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:53 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 harm everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters. It will drive 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,

Tony Lopez,  
Coventry

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**From:** Jessica Lombardi <jessicaleigh@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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.

Sincerely,

Jessica Pierson

South Kingstown

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**From:** Patricia Lang <patricialang4444@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No Boat Tax

Please vote no on H6256 as this will hurt the boating industry along with businesses and individuals.

Patricia Lang, boat owner for many years  
30 Tilbury Dr.  
Bristol, RI 02809  
401-265-5700

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**From:** Sharon Lavoie <lavoiesharon2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:57 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,

Sharon Lavoie

Coventry

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**From:** armando leoni <mondopit@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:39 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, [Your Name] [Your Town]

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**From:** Katherine Loughhead <kloughhead@taxfoundation.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:38 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Written Testimony on House Bill 5473  
**Attachments:** Tax Foundation Written Testimony on RI H 5473 - 05.06.25.pdf

Good afternoon,

On behalf of the Tax Foundation, I would like to submit for the record the attached written testimony on House Bill 5473. My testimony is neutral (neither for nor against).

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,  
Katherine

**Katherine E. Loughhead** | Senior Policy Analyst & Research Manager | Tax Foundation | 202.836.7511  
| [kloughhead@taxfoundation.org](mailto:kloughhead@taxfoundation.org)

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**From:** Wayne Lawrence <wglmetal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:24 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 Lawrence.

Middletown.

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**From:** Tony Lopez <tony@schastea.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:25 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No Boat Tax!

Thank you,  
Tony's iPhone

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** William Low <wlow@bates.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:22 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.

William Low  
Bristol, RI 02809

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Raymond G. Lavigne <RGLavigne@Lavignemfg.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:13 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,

Ray lavigne  
Coventry ri  
401-527-3111

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**From:** Chris Lavigne <crlvideo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to House Bill 6256

Dear Members of the Rhode Island House Finance Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 6256, which would repeal property tax and sales tax exemptions for boats. While the bill aims to increase state revenue, it is likely to backfire by driving boat owners to register their vessels in neighboring states with more favorable tax policies, resulting in a net financial loss for Rhode Island.

Rhode Island's tax exemptions have made it a premier destination for boat owners, supporting local marinas, boatyards, and businesses that generate significant economic activity. The recreational boating industry contributes over \$500 million annually to the state's economy and supports thousands of jobs, much of which depends on competitive tax policies. By imposing new taxes, HB 6256 would incentivize owners to register in states like Massachusetts or Connecticut, reducing registration fees, such as biennial and transfer fees collected by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, and decreasing revenue from fuel, repairs, and storage at local businesses like Ocean House Marina.

Rather than boosting revenue, HB 6256 risks harming coastal communities and undermining Rhode Island's marine economy. I strongly urge the Committee to reject this bill to preserve the economic benefits of our state's boating industry.

Thank you for your consideration. Please oppose House Bill 6256.

Sincerely,  
Chris Lavigne

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**From:** Gary Larson <larsongaryr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No to Boat Tax

I want to express my concern with reimplementing the boat tax. This should be voted down.

Gary Larson  
1 Lafayette Dr, Bristol, RI 02809

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** lalmoi <lalmoi@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:18 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,  
Lori Lemoi  
34 Island Drive  
Coventry, RI 02816

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**From:** Kristine Loven <kristine258@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:17 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,

Kristine Loven  
Warwick RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** MARC LEMOI <mlemoi@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:16 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. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,  
Marc Lemoi  
34 Island Drive  
Coventry, RI 02816

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**From:** lamoureuxmarc4848@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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.

Sincerely,

*Marc C. Lamoureux*

11 Herzig ST  
Bristol RI 02809  
C (860) 463-5613

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**From:** Rosemary Lavigne <rosemary.lavigne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07 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,

Ray and Rosemary Lavigne  
Coventry RI

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**From:** Elizabeth Lamar <eblamar@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:09 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; Howard Lamar  
**Subject:** H6256 Tax Proposal

Dear Finance Committee,

Please oppose H6256- a proposed tax on boats. Rhode Island is a unique and special place. The Boating Industry is vital to the State and creates many jobs and draws so many people to our state who spend MEANINGFUL capital in our state. Taxing Boats will dis-incent the Industry and broader business and reduce overall commerce and jobs in our wonderful state. Please VOTE NO!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Lamar

7 Amazon Dr.

Portsmouth, RI.

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*Elizabeth Lamar*

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**From:** Robert Lieberman <captainboblieberman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:02 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.

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**From:** Miriam Ladin <miriam.ladin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:28 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No Boat Tax please

Keep Rhode Island boat friendly! It's another thing that makes us special from other states. Do not impose a boat tax and ruin our reputation and significant business income.

Miriam G. Ladin  
Over and Above Communications Consulting  
West Kingston, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Gary Lash <garylash@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:44 AM  
**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.

As a former Director of Marketing for Business Development for RI I am well aware of the importance of the marine industry to the economy to the State. During my time with the RI Dept. of Economic Development I worked to bring in and enlarge the marine industry. With the natural resource we have, primarily Narragansett Bay, all it took was legislation to remove the tax of boat sales and as personal property to really increase jobs in the maritime industry. People from Massachusetts and Connecticut now buy boats here and prefer to keep their boats at our marinas and have them serviced at our boat yards. The tax advantage Ri has over adjacent states helps to make this possible. I've raced sailboats all over the East coast. I'm well aware that we now have an advantage over other states that directly makes a positive impact on RI. I encourage you to not pass legislation that will directly have a negative impact upon our maritime industry. Thank you.

Gary Lash

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Knowles, Lisa <Lisa.Knowles@informa.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** House Bill 6256 - Please Vote NO

I am getting in touch on behalf of the Newport International Boat Show([www.newportboatshow.com](http://www.newportboatshow.com)). For fifty-four years, the show continues to have a tremendous impact on our local and state economy, supporting hundreds of businesses, marine and non marine alike. NIBS has a \$26 million dollar impact to the community(2023 Economic Impact Report)! This benefits those individuals and companies who help put an event like the boat show together year after year.

Exhibitors are motivated to participate because of Rhode Island's current tax policy on boats. Exhibitors come from all over the country and they see the difference it makes. They spend multiple days in town contributing to the local and state economy with multiple day hotel stays and meals with not only their teams but entertaining clients. And that's just the exhibitor segment. The attendees are major contributors as well, many coming to the show from neighboring states!

We couldn't be prouder to be a part of Rhode Island's recreational marine trades industry! I'm writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 6256, which recommends repealing the property and sales tax exemption for boats.

Its repeal would reduce demand not only for boats in the Ocean State, but also for services like storage, repair, insurance, financing, safety equipment, supplies, fuel and more. These interconnected services sustain local jobs and small businesses like mine. Eliminating the exemption would destabilize this network and directly impact our ability to retain and hire skilled workers. Rhode Island is looked at as leading the charge and many states are working on following that lead. They see the benefits.

It's also important to recognize that boaters are major contributors to our local economy, spending significantly on shoreside products and services such as food, restaurants, groceries, local retail, and tourist attractions. This spending supports a wide array of businesses far beyond the docks and boatyards, amplifying the economic impact of Rhode Island's marine industry.

This is not a tax on luxury, it's a setback for working Rhode Islanders and the thousands of jobs supported by our marine industry. Rhode Island's current tax policy gives us a critical edge over neighboring states like Massachusetts and Connecticut, helping attract boaters, investment and year-round business to our shores. Repealing this exemption would erase that competitive advantage, driving business elsewhere and jeopardizing the livelihoods of families and small businesses in our community.

Please consider your local businesses and workers by opposing House Bill 6256.

Sincerely,

Lisa Knowles

Lisa Knowles  
Show Director | Newport International Boat Show

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**From:** Robert Lieberman <captainboblieberman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:43 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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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Edward Lyons <edlyons.ell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:32 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.

Sincerely,  
Edward Lyons  
Portsmouth, RI

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**From:** Lamar, Howard <HLamar@bassberry.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:31 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Cc:** eblamar@gmail.com  
**Subject:** H6256 Tax Proposal

Dear Finance Committee,

Please oppose H6256- a proposed tax on boats. Rhode Island is a unique and special place. The Boating Industry is vital to the State and creates many jobs and draws so many people to our state who spend MEANINGFUL capital in our state. Taxing Boats will dis-incent the Industry and broader business and reduce overall commerce and jobs in our wonderful state. Please VOTE NO!

Sincerely, Howard Lamar  
Portsmouth, RI.

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**From:** Kim Lyons <kimlyons.kl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:28 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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

Sincerely, M.K. Lyons  
Portsmouth, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Adam Lass <adamlass7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:22 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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 Lass  
Bristol, RI 02809

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**From:** Scott Leach <sleach0611@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:18 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.

Scott Leach  
480 S Shore Village Blvd  
Wakefield, RI. 02879

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**From:** Jarad L <jpl31585@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Please oppose the boat tax

Thank you  
Jarad Luchka

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jarad L <jpl31585@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:00 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Please oppose the boat tax

Thank you  
Jarad Luchka

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**From:** Joshua Lanni <joshlanni15@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:02 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.

Joshua Lanni  
33 Bay Vista Pl  
Warwick RI 02886

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Kerri Landry <klandry830@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:58 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Call to Action... Please OPPOSE House Bill 6256

**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,  
Kerri Landry**

**Coventry, Rhode Island**

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** JOSEPH LUMB <joelumb@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:07 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

**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,  
Joseph Lumb  
Jamestown RI*

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Eric Lewandoski <ericlewandoski@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:06 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Taxing an industry and its people on a season that is extremely short and where those who depend on seasonal income, will negatively impact the boaters, marinas, and economy!

DO NOT reinstate a tax on boating in Rhode Island ! We have suffered for too long with record inflation and this type of reckless taxing of residents is wrong !

Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely,  
Eric Lewandoski

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**From:** Susan Lincoln <slincoln1@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 9:00 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,

Susan Lincoln  
Lincoln, RI

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**From:** Pedro Lopez <plopez\_2k@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats  
**Attachments:** Customers Letter for bill.pdf

Hi,

Please see attached.

Best,  
Pedro Lopez

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Michael Labriola <michael.d.labriola@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:37 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,

Michael D Labriola  
Warwick, RI

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**From:** Erik Lundin <frogman681@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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**From:** Joseph Landi <jtriplel@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:55 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Vote no on H6256  
**Attachments:** As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256..pdf

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**From:** Joseph Landi <jtriplel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:55 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** boat tax  
**Attachments:** boat tax letter.pdf

Please see attached letter.

Thank you  
Joseph Landi

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**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**

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**From:** Karen Lussier <lussierkaren@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:19 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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,**

**Karen Lussier**

**West Greenwich**

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Mark Lacz <mark.lacz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:33 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

This would be a disastrous move for the state and would have detrimental effects. I am a small business owner and transplant from Connecticut. I have lived in RI for over 20 years. The reason why I moved here was to be closer to the water and enjoy the beautiful beaches and marine life. This bill would not only put a huge financial burden on so many people, it would deter many more from moving here and starting up businesses.

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

Thank you,

Mark Lacz

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** cynthiaeleonard <cynthiaeleonard@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:09 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Boater HB 6256

As a life-long Rhode Island boater, I STRONGLY oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill.

This tax would harm the marine and boating industries, local businesses, and our boating community.

REJECT HB 6256

Cynthia Leonard  
Jamestown

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** NORMAN LEVINE <normle@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:28 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. Just remember that the reason that the tax exemption came into existence is because of a dying marine industry.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Norman Levine  
Coventry, RI*

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Daniel Lathrop <dlathrop@lathropinsurance.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:41 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.

Sincerely,

**Dan Lathrop**  
Lathrop Insurance

Phone: 401-596-2525  
Cell (after hours only): 203-666-6583  
e-mail: dlathrop@lathropinsurance.com

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** sslisle@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:40 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

NO to boat tax

Scott S. Lisle  
Brown Lisle Cummings, Inc.  
401.421.8900

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**From:** LOUIS LETENDRE <lletendre3@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:37 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Tax on boat purchases

Please no further taxes on boating.  
Already paid tax on our income, fuel, boat trailer, motor title, boat title, boat registration,  
Trailer registration,  
Insurance on all .  
Slip cost.  
You already get plenty of tax revenue on all.  
No to mention fishing licenses.  
Please vote no on additional taxes on boating.  
Thank you  
Louis Letendre

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** K. Wilcox Lanscaping <wilcoxlandscaping86@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** taxes

I am totally opposed for taxing boats we the the ocean state why don't you cut your budget do a little  
DOGE ON YOUR BUDGET  
STOP GIVING TAX PAYER MONEY AWAY

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Cherie A Lawson <circuit2@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 1:35 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No tax on boating

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.

We are currently over taxed in every direction.

Sincerely,  
Craig and Cherie Lawson

Portsmouth