

Chris O'Brien

From: Danielle Moore <daniellenerimoore@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
Danielle Moore
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ryan Miller <ryanjmiller@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:23 PM
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*Sincerely,
Ryan Miller
Newport, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: shannon mccaffrey <scmccaffrey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TAX ON BOATS

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

From fuel, ice, food, water, clothing, repairs, equipment, the list goes on and on on how other industries benefit from the boating community and all of these are already contributing to the state tax.

Please vote NO on H6256. Do not sink the Ocean State's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Shannon C. McCaffrey
Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: devin@devinm.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats - This is personal

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Exeter, RI*

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From: Barry McCormick <bmcc822@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:50 PM
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Sincerely,

Barry McCormick
Providence

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Manning <rmanning05@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:47 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

No taxes on boats! The marine economy is a major source of income for the entire southern half of the state. Don't burden it with additional taxes.

*Robert J. Manning
Gray's Point Investments LLC
50 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
401-864-2431*

Chris O'Brien

From: Russell Mills <russellmills413@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:47 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please remove 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,
Judith Kronick
Allen Kronick
Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter M <minnpeter@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

I am opposing to H6256 due to this being a crucial role in states economy which in a way will effect myself as well as other who use their personal/others watercraft to provide food for their family. Imposing H6256 will not just raise the cost of local seafood prices but also affect the lively hood of others who rely on such watercraft. This tax bill will burden every watercraft owner and much more who are already barely making enough to pay bills. For this reason i am opposing H6256.
Thank You.

Chris O'Brien

From: Russell Mills <russellmills413@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please remove H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Rachel Kronick
Charlestown, RI

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From: Kevin Monteiro <kkmonteiro89@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:44 PM
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Please vote NO on H6256. We are the Ocean State don't end that Legacy by taxing one of the things that makes Rhode Island a world class boating area.

Sincerely,
Kevin Monteiro

Chris O'Brien

From: Russell Mills <servicewriter@oceanhousemarina.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:42 PM
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Sincerely,
Russell Mills
Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Mariani <joe@bristolmarine.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:55 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to house bill 6256

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to voice my strong opposition to house bill 6256.. Boating and access to the water is not only for the elite or the wealthy, it is part of Rhode Island culture. Many of us rely on the strength of our marine industry for both our livelihood and to recreate with our families. House bill 6256, if passed, would be detrimental to the entire marine industry.

Thank you,

Joe Mariani

South Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: The Marshalls <starlight52277@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:00 PM
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Sincerely,

John and Lucia Marshall
Jamestown RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Dan Meuse <danmeuse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Comment on H-6256

Members of the House Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on an important bill to Rhode Island's Blue Economy - H-6256.

Rhode Island is the Ocean State, and our culture and economy is indelibly tied to Narragansett Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. As the home to America's Sailing Museum and hundreds of businesses that are integral to the personal, recreational boating market, adding personal property taxes and/or sales and use tax to personal boats would eliminate a massive advantage that these businesses have over neighboring states. Additionally, it would eschew the long history of boating in our state.

I would encourage you to reject H-6256.

Thank you.

Dan Meuse
60 Hilltop Drive
Cranston, RI 02920

Chris O'Brien

From: Alexandra Mouligne <alexandramouligne@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO to the Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,

Alexandra Mouligne

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Cranston, RI 02920

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From: KEITH MACKSOUND <kmacksoud@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee As a Rhode Island boater for over 30 years and a fellow elected official , 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. There must be alternative ways to balance a budget than on the backs of Rhode Island boater owners Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Macksoud, CRNA, FAANA
President, Lincoln Town Council

Chris O'Brien

From: DONALD MARTINELLI <donald_martinelli@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

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Sincerely,
Donald Martinelli
40 Holiday Ct
Wakefield, RI 02879

Chris O'Brien

From: william miller <wm65ri@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

I oppose H6256.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: George Mercier <georgemercier21@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO BOAT TAXES PLEASE

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Respectfully

George R. Mercier
Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob McCann <bobmccann401@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:00 PM
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Sincerely,

Bob McCann
Newport RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Courtney McAlpine <courtney.going@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats
Attachments: Oppose Bill H6256.pdf

To Whom it May Concern,

I have attached my written testimony in regards to House Bill 6256.

Regards,
Courtney McAlpine

Chris O'Brien

From: stephen murphy <stmurph4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Absolutely no to boat tax!!!! Why are we going in reverse. This is would be ridiculous!!!
RI is working class boating state!

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Gina Marsella <marsellagina@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:19 PM
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Sincerely,

Gina Marsella

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From: Robert moio <ramoiojr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:18 PM
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Sincerely,
Robert Moio
Johnston

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert A. Migliaccio <rmigliaccio@cm-law.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:13 PM
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Importance: High

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Sincerely,

Rob Migliaccio
Bristol, RI



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Chris O'Brien

From: Anthony Mechrefe <apmechrefe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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As a Rhode Island resident for nearly 50 years in both the Lincoln and Charleston districts I write to you to oppose H6256. If passed this tax would dramatically impact the attraction to our beautiful state and waterways

Anthony Mechrefe

Chris O'Brien

From: FRANK MATTOS <frankmattos@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:09 PM
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Sincerely,

Frank Mattos
North Kingstown

Frank

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Matthew McGuire <matthew.e.mcguire@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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While I applaud creative avenues to increase tax revenue, especially in a base-constrained state such as ours, this should not be the path to pursue. Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely,
Matthew McGuire
Providence, RI

Matthew McGuire
matthew.e.mcguire@mac.com
508.472.8244

Chris O'Brien

From: David McLoud <viper12161@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Costantino, Gregory J.
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Sincerely,
David McLoud Jr
Smithfield

Chris O'Brien

From: Tom McCarthy <tommccarthy05@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:06 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Euer, Dawn; Rep. Finkelman, Alex S.
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*Sincerely,
Tom McCarthy
Jamestown, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark <m.mccaughey@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

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Sincerely,

Mark McCaughey
Cumberland, R.I.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Messier <mikemessier@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:40 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.

Are you trying to destroy the boating community? We depend on this for our families livelihood!

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Antonetta Marley <antonetta.marley@warwickschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:33 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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Sincerely,

Antonetta Marley
241 Paine Street
Warwick, RI 02889

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Chris O'Brien

From: Tiffany McGuire <tiffany.mcguire@warwickschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Don't Tax Boats

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Tiffany McGuire

Warwick, RI

English Language Arts teacher

Toll Gate High School

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Sincerely,

[Ken Munroe]
[Chepachet]

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From: John Masley <johnmasley@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:13 AM
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*Sincerely,
John Masley
Middletown RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: betsy moody <bemoody26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:58 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256
Attachments: H6256_State taxes on boats in Rhode Island.pdf.docx

Please see attached written testimony. Thank you.
Betsy Moody
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: betsy moody <bemoody26@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:47 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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Sincerely,
Betsy Moody
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From: Eric Martin <ericmtn3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:40 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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Eric Martin

Narragansett

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From: BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN <bmclau34@aol.com>
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Steve Munger

Black Watch llc Property Management & Vessel Services

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Chris O'Brien

From: smckiernan52@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:54 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, Suzanne McKiernan from Narragansett.

Chris O'Brien

From: mary martin <mmartinwpt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:52 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

House Finance Committee,

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.

Thank You
Mary Martin
Newport, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Monti, Peter <peter_monti@brown.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:26 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. Please defeat this bill.

Thank you.

-peter

Chris O'Brien

From: John McDonald <quahogs5403@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.

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

Sincerely,

[Your+Name]
[Your+Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Barry Martin <bamart1952@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:19 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,
Barry Martin
Newport, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Fred Mueller <fredmueller001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:09 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Say no to proposed House 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,

Frederick Mueller

Providence

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Manteiga <mmanteiga@26northyachts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:09 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat taxes

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.

Michael Manteiga
Sales Executive



tel:774-283-2871
mmanteiga@26northyachts.com
www.26NorthYachts.com
Fort Lauderdale, FL | Newport, RI



Chris O'Brien

From: Vincent McAteer <vmcateer4432@gmail.com>
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.

Chris O'Brien

From: Jason Marley <jmarley0525@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:59 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,

Jason Marley
Warwick, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: roverspecialvehicles <roverspecialvehicles@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: boat tax

pose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

*Sincerely,
Richard Moody
Jamestown RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: McDevitt, Tracy A <tracy.mcdevitt@eversource.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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,

Tracy McDevitt
Warwick, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: steve mcarthur <stevemcqueen284@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Please do not bring any of these unnecessary taxes back...can't we manage what we have? We need an audit I guess
...we live on the ocean , what a privilege . Let us enjoy it please.

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael McCaughey <michaeljmccaughey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:51 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No on H6256

As a Long time RI boater please do not put boating on Narragansett bay out of reach for the average person

Michael McCaughey
Cumberland,RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Rob macgregor <robroyam463@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Taxing the boating industry

Sent from my iPhone

Don't make the same mistake again. RI needs the boating industry, don't damage it, promote it!

Chris O'Brien

From: roverspecialvehicles <roverspecialvehicles@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: boating sales tax

I vote NO to this bill ,I feel this will have long term effects on our current marine industry at many levels
Rich Moody

Chris O'Brien

From: Juan Martinez <juan-july@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:16 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,
Juan Martinez
East Greenwich*

Chris O'Brien

From: Hunter Morton <Hunter@maxhospitality.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:14 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.*

Sincerely,

Hunter Morton Wakefield RI

Sent from my iPhone

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Chris O'Brien

From: micheal mcelroy <coupleseil@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 6:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

I,m 100% against this bill I,m a senior citizens who cuts just about everything else so I can enjoy the bay . yes I have a small boat , but the gas, slip fee, and yearly boat fees take more than I take in but at this age its all I enjoy

Mike McElroy

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Murray <dovetailsinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:50 PM
To: RISAA-Legislative@groups.io
Cc: House Finance Committee; Rep. Shekarchi, K Joseph
Subject: Re: [RISAA-Legislative] RISAA Position letter on H6256

Send the letter.

Bob

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 2:13 PM Scott Travers via groups.io <travers.risaa@gmail.com@groups.io> wrote:
Good afternoon,

Please accept this position letter from the RI Saltwater Anglers Association regarding H6256.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Scott Travers
Executive Director
RI Saltwater Anglers Association
401-826-2121
travers@risaa.org

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[\[dovetailsinc@gmail.com\]](mailto:dovetailsinc@gmail.com)

Chris O'Brien

From: monts68@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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James Monti

Chris O'Brien

From: Kern Maass <maasskd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:12 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: No to H6256 on Rhode Island
Attachments: NO to H6256.pdf

PDF attached.

On Mon, May 5, 2025 at 5:08 PM House Finance Committee <Housefinancecomm@rilegislature.onmicrosoft.com> wrote:

Thank you for submitting written testimony to the House Finance Committee.

Written testimony must include your name/organization, bill number(s) and viewpoint (for/against/neither). The Clerk will post testimony to the General Assembly's website as soon as possible. Note, the posting of testimony may be delayed due to high volume. For faster processing, send written testimony in PDF format.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Gmcdonough@marinevest.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:10 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.

Gerard H McDonough
Jamestown's RI
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Chris O'Brien

From: Ray McInnis Jr <mcinnis.raymondjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:09 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,

Ray McInnis
Newport
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Kern Maass <maasskd@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to H6256 on Rhode Island

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2024, Rhode Island had the highest quotient across all states for marine mechanics and service technicians (5 times the national average). Inside Rhode Island, this sector has the 5th-best employment quotient in the state, out of 600 occupational titles.

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

Sincerely,

Kern Maass
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Al Morin <finomenal1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 OPPOSE

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. By charging sales tax on boats, you will triple the amount of unemployment that you will pay to unemployed workers in the marine industry! This was tried some 30 years ago and defeated for that purpose alone. PLUS, the amount of revenue you'll lose from the boating industry, restaurants, marinas etc. It's a domino effect to gain a small amount of taxes.*

*Sincerely,
Alfred & LouAnn Morin
89 Narragansett Blvd.
Portsmouth, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: bill macuga <bmacuga56@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

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

Sincerely,

Bill Macuga
Westerly RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Doug Mayhew <dmayhew@hilbgroup.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,

Doug Mayhew
Barrington RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ricky Martin <rickyracks401@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:49 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.

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

Sincerely,

[Your+Name]

[Your+Town]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Collin Molloy <cojamo9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:48 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,

Collin Molloy

Burrillville

Chris O'Brien

From: Steve Muller <stevemuller102@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:44 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,
Steve Muller
Charlestown RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Henry Messier <hjmess3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:42 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose 6256 Because it threatens the entire boating industry in Rhode Island. On every level. We already pay more to the state for less service quality across the board in nearly every category. Don't make life here worse.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: meyerjc <meyerjc@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:34 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. Just go back in history when there was a tax on boating and examine what happened to the marine industry in RI when the taxes were removed. The revenue from the industry since then is way more than any taxes could generate. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

John Meyer
Portsmouth

Chris O'Brien

From: Aaron Moniz <aaronmoniz76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee

Aaron Moniz Town of Little Compton, No H6256

Chris O'Brien

From: David Materne <opeechee@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:33 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.

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

Sincerely,

David Materne
Barrington, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Aaron Moniz <aaronmoniz76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:30 PM
To: House Finance Committee

No H6256

Chris O'Brien

From: Wendy McInnis <mcinnis.wendy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:29 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,

Wendy McInnis
5 Hunter Avenue
Newport, RI
c. 508.735.8922
mcinnis.wendy@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: bon moul <bizzyme@live.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to 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,
(Your name and your town)"**

Chris O'Brien

From: Samuel Miller <samuelmiller853@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

How is this even being considered? Is the destruction of the RI marine industry and all businesses tied to recreational boating the goal?

Do not tax boats.

Chris O'Brien

From: Gregory Mancini <gmancini@buildri.org>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Michael Sabitoni; Patrick Crowley; davec@mfgri.com
Subject: Proposed amendment to H-6236
Attachments: Amendment to H-6236.pdf

Gregory Mancini



134 Thurbers Avenue Suite 213
Providence, RI 02905
P: 401-553-2100
F: 401-553-5855
gmancini@buildri.org

Chris O'Brien

From: Patrick Mahoney <pmahoney14@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: I 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.

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Mahoney

Narragansett, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Angela Moon <angelamoon2017@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:15 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Support H6256

Hello,

I support bill H6256. We pay taxes on automobiles and all motorized vehicles. Why should a boat sale be different?

Thanks,
Angela

Sent from my iPhone, so please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors!

Chris O'Brien

From: John Moran <jmoran@athearnmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. McGaw, Michelle E.; Rep. Edwards, John G.; Sen. Felag, Jr., Walter S.; Sen. DiPalma, Louis P.
Subject: Removal of Tax Exemptions for Boats and Use Tax

As a life long Rhode Island resident I am both disappointed and dismayed at the proposal to bring back the excise tax on all boats including commercial fishing vessels. The last time this was done over 30years ago many boat builders, dealers and brokers went out of business. The last couple of years have been very lean for commercial fishermen as well as the average resident of Rhode Island. The excise tax will devastate the marine trade industries which our state is very well know for. I am equally disappointed and upset by the potential addition of sales and use taxes on boats at a time where the entire industry is very fragile. Every part of this proposal needs to be stopped in order to not have a major collapse of this industry like what happened 30 years ago. Rhode Island is home to many boat builders, dealers, brokers, marinas and parts manufacturers, which the state has a great international reputation for. This short sighted money grab needs to be terminated before the harm done is irreparable.

John Moran Jr.
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Chris O'Brien

From: glen maclaughlin <g.macl@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat sales 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 business out of the state, threaten
local jobs, and negatively impact our economy

Please vote NO on H6256!!!!

Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry

Sincerely Glen Maclaughlin
Prudence Island RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Myers <cmyers@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:43 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Chris Myers
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Bruce McIntyre, JD <brucemcintyrelaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax proposal

Dear legislators,

I write today to inform you of our opposition to this ill advised proposed tax on boats. The marine industry is A very important component of RI's workforce and overall economy. This boat tax will not substantially raise income for the state. It will end up moving boat building and boat registrations out of state. As history is a teacher, we must reflect on past mistakes and consider their lessons. A boat tax will drive revenue and jobs out of state as it did in the past. We are aware that this is a difficult budget, but end of year collections are still an optimistic outlook.

Passing this bill will cause joblessness, and decrease in revenue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce McIntyre
103 Umiak Ave.
Jamestown, RI 02835
Sent from my iPhone