

Chris O'Brien

From: m.mittelman@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please Oppose H6256 Boat Taxation in Rhode Island from a Massachusetts Boater

May 6, 2025

Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. I am a Massachusetts resident who has kept boats at Safe Harbor Sakonnet (former Brewers Marina) in Rhode Island for the past 25 years. I have engaged boating services from Rhode Island businesses every year, including major engine replacement/repairs, along with significant electronics purchases. I spend approximately \$20,000/year on slip fees and on supplies/repairs--nearly all of which are with Rhode Island companies. Boating used to be much more affordable for a wide swath of people but is increasingly unaffordable. Nearly all of my fellow boaters are hardworking, middle-class folks who are already struggling to pay for this recreational hobby. Instituting a tax will likely result in significant declines in Rhode Island boating activities and have a very negative impact on Rhode Island. While I would prefer to keep my boat in Rhode Island, should a sales tax on boats and dockage be instituted I will likely return to Massachusetts.

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

Sincerely,

Marc Mittelman
Brookline, MA

Chris O'Brien

From: Jmarks.Boston <jmarks.boston@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please vote NO on H6256

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Sincerely,
jeremy marks

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Jay Martin <mjaybirdri@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax!!!!

Sent from my iPhone the luxury tax years ago destroyed the boating industry in Rhode Island since it's been opposed, the boat building has increased at least tenfold yawning is strong. People are incorporating. Their boats in Rhode Island seems to stack free helping other agencies out please vote no Alfred J Martin resident Newport, Rhode Island.

Chris O'Brien

From: Carole Mansur <cmansur785@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:32 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please vote NO on HB 6256

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Sincerely,

Carole Mansur
Bristol, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: David miller <scout14@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vessel Tax Consideration

Dear House Finance Committee:

Please vote down any proposal to renew or reestablish the tax on boats in our state. Time has shown that the removal of the vessel tax has been a boon for all Rhode Islanders; to return to the tax could only have dreadful results for existing and future boat owners and builders and related enterprises (marinas, restaurants, etc).

VOTE NO ON THE TAX!! This is Rhode Island!!

David Miller
Bristol RI

Boat owner, commercial fisherman, marine contractor active in bay related manners for over 60 years. Generations of my family have worked and played with boats in our bay. Let's keep it that way for everyone.

Thanks in advance, for doing the right thing.

Chris O'Brien

From: Godin, Matthew (CCI-Northeast) <Matthew.Godin@cox.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:12 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

You will destroy RI boating industry if you stop the exemption

Chris O'Brien

From: David miller <scout14@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fw: Vessel Tax Consideration

Dear House Finance Committee:

This additional email contains the bill number, H6256

David F. Miller
Bristol RI 02809

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: David miller <scout14@cox.net>
To: housefinance@rilegislature.gov <housefinance@rilegislature.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 05:52:47 PM EDT
Subject: Vessel Tax Consideration

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Thanks in advance, for doing the right thing.

Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Miller <jtmiller234@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:11 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,

Jim Miller

Portsmouth RI 02871

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: john mckeon <rjmckeon725@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:19 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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Chris O'Brien

From: Harry Masiello <hmasiello@colonialonline.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+--+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee
Don't do it please.

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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Chris O'Brien

From: Vivien McCullough <vmccullough@opendoorsri.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Written Testimony for Bill 5473
Attachments: Abigail_Toro_Written_Statement.pdf

Dear House Finance Committee,
Attached is a written testimony in favor of Bill 5473 from constituent Abigail Toro, which I am submitting on her behalf.

Thank you for your consideration,
Vivien

Vivien McCullough
OpenDoors Communication and Outreach Coordinator
AmeriCorps VISTA

Chris O'Brien

From: Ally Maloney <ally@maloneyinteriors.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:46 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and female-owned small business that heavily relies on my marine clients, 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,

Ally Maloney Winzer
Principal, Maloney Interiors
Allied ASID, Past-President of ASID New England

Maloney Interiors, LLC
78 Thames Street Newport, RI 02840
o: 401.324.7169 c: 401.999.5854
www.maloneyinteriors.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Walter Martish Jr <wmartishjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Please vote no

Walter W. Martish Jr.

Cell: 401-474-1656
E-Mail wmartishjr@gmail.com

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Chris O'Brien

From: RGMaxx@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater.

Dear House Finance Committee members,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. Let's learn from our history. his tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

As a Rhode Island tax payer, I know the State takes in all the revenue needed to provide services to RI residents.

Please take a moment to look at the following comparison to illustrate the point that RI takes in all the revenue it would need to provide a high level of service to its residents.

Based on FY2025 data:

State	Total budget	Population	Tax dollars / state resident
MA	\$57.8B	7,205,770	\$ 8,021.00
RI	\$14.2B	1,121,190	\$12,665.00

In comparison to our friends in MA, RI is a light year behind in every metric. Yet, we spend +50% more per resident.

Raising taxes on anything or anybody will only exacerbate the spending problem that clearly exists.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Russell G. Maciel
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew MacKeith <andrew@mackeith.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: PROPOSED BOAT TAX

Please don't make life more complicated for boat owners.

Andrew MacKeith

Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Murray <dovetailsinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 6256

Dear House Finance Committee:

We are writing to express our strong opposition to H6256. I (Bob) am a recreational boater and fisherman, an Executive Board member of RI Saltwater Anglers Association, the chairman of the show committee for the New England Saltwater Fishing Show held at the Convention Center each year in March. And we are conscientious VOTERS. Implementing this crippling tax on already overextended boat owners will cause a collapse in sales. In addition, RI is home to a vibrant boat building industry whose sales and jobs would be devastated by this poorly considered proposal. This same tactic was tried years ago and was reversed when the impact to the RI economy was realized by such short sighted action.

VOTE NO!!

Very truly yours,

Robert S. Murray
Ellen M. Murray
68 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Chris O'Brien

From: Curt Miller <cwmilleriii@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Craven, Robert E.
Subject: House Bill 6256

I strongly oppose House Bill 6256. RI has a strong marine industry, don't weaken it,

Curtis Miller

North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Miller <jmiller@alphaqinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:16 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,
Devon Miller
Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Magown <rmagown@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Taxes on Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

our economy.

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

Sincerely,
Robert Magown

Chris O'Brien

From: Kyle Mello <mavriikk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No thank you!

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,
Kyle Mello
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Sharon Monaghan <smonaghan0807@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax!

Please don't tax us anymore!
NO BOAT TAX!
Thank you!
Sharon and John Monaghan

Chris O'Brien

From: Gilbert Mook <gilmook67@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dont tax boats.Are you guys nuts? This will drive away boats to other states.

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

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.

Respectfully

George R. Mercier
Portsmouth , RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ian Maccini <ian.maccini@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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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.

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Sincerely,
Ian Maccini
Jamestown, RI

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: DONALD MARTINELLI <donald_martinelli@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:54 PM
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,
Donald Martinelli
40 Holiday Ct
Wakefield, RI 02879

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Maillet <andrewmaillet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:44 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Speakman, June
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,
Andrew Maillet
Bristol*

Andrew Maillet
401.654.0498

Chris O'Brien

From: MacLean, Elizabeth A <elizabeth.maclean@pfizer.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Teresa Tanzi
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. Boating must remain affordable for everyday Rhode Islanders.

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

Sincerely,
Elizabeth MacLean
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Frank Munro <fwmunro@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat taxes

We are over taxed on everything Boating is only a 4 month pleasure and now most marinas are owned by Safeharbors are they are sticking it to us hard.

Frank Munro
Brenda Whalen Munro

Chris O'Brien

From: Jan Moritz <jkmoritz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Jan and Anke Moritz
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jodie Coleman-Marziano <mjmarz@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:02 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB6256

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,

Jodie Coleman-Marziano
Hog Island
Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Gary Mataronas <lobster2@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:12 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, Gary Mataronas, Sakonnet Harbor, Little Compton, RI 02837

Chris O'Brien

From: Rick Moulton <rickwmoulton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

To whom This May Concern, I would like to Voice my Opposition To this New Boat Tax. Our Marine Industry Brings Millions of \$ in

Business to Rhode Island. I Ask

You, Aren't we Taxed Enough in

Rhode Island? How Much Tax is

Too Much Tax. The Current State

Budget is \$14 Billion Dollars. As it

Is you People are Spending Money like Drunken Sailors-\$50 Million For RIPTA Last Year for Operation & Past Bills to Hire

50 New Drivers This Year Management is Asking For \$32 Million for this Loser. How About \$4.5 Million for those Sheds

For the Homeless-and Joe Shekarchi has all kinds of Plans "To Spend Lots More \$ On Homeless Shelters. I could go On &

On about Spending Programs In RI, but I think it's Hopeless Now.

People in RI can't Afford to Pay its

Bills as it is. Margaret Thatcher

Once Said "Liberals Never Tire

Of Spending Other Peoples Money

Chris O'Brien

From: Sharlene & Bob McGovern <di808@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:29 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: darlene manella <mattdarl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

It would be unfortunate for fisherman, boat rental businesses and pleasure boaters. With everything going up taking money out of the pockets of those that are just making ends meet would send the wrong signals to voters.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Mattaliano <bob.mattaliano@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:28 AM
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,
Robert Mattaliano
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Melissa Medbury <mmedbury1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposed H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Islander, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating tax on boats will hurt every day Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and Marine related businesses out of the state, threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

Please vote no on H6256. Don't sink RI's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Melissa Medbury
North Scituate

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: David Medbury <davemedbury1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:19 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposed 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,

David Medbury

Scituate

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: accudyne machine <marvin9dog@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:05 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Reject h6256

Sent from ACCU-DYNE | Phone

We are a boating family and that bill would be very detrimental to the boating industry and community in RI
Respectfully A RI Boater

Chris O'Brien

From: mlm.sail <mlm.sail@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:01 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned RI Boat Owner

Dear Sir / Madam,

As a Rhode Island boat owner, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. As it ALWAYS does, this additional tax will harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

We tried this before with the so called 'Luxury Tax'. All it did was crush the New England boat building industry.

Thankyou
Michael Merritt

Chris O'Brien

From: Walter Martish Jr <wmartishjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Please vote no

Walter W. Martish Jr.

Cell: [401-474-1656](tel:401-474-1656)
E-Mail wmartishjr@gmail.com

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Chris O'Brien

From: Dean McGregor <deanmcgregor21@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 Don't tax boats

Dear House Finance Committee - As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt all Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state; threatening local jobs; and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely, [Your Name] [Your Town]

Best regards,

Kathy and Dean McGregor

Chris O'Brien

From: John Mooney <jbmooney1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and a supporter of Rhode Island's many small marine industry businesses and those who work in them, I strongly oppose H6256.

Rhode Island's forbearance on taxation of boats has done a great deal of good for local businesses who serve boaters from across the northeast, the country, and the world, and are a mainstay of the state's economy. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy far beyond any revenue it may generate.

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

Sincerely,
John Mooney
Tiverton

Chris O'Brien

From: James Murphy <ebearinc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:24 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: RI H6256

Attention all RI representatives,

I would strongly recommend voting NO on bill H6256 regarding the reinstatement of the boat tax in Rhode Island. The boating industry is thriving and creates thousands of jobs for small, independent businesses as well as boat yards. To institute the tax will drive much of this business away from Rhode Island, hurting the industry and losing the tax contributions from these many businesses.

Please coordinate with the Rhode Island Marine Trades Association before any more consideration of this detrimental tax. Too many of your constituents will be negatively impacted.

Respectfully,
Capt. James Murphy
Warren, RI

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: JOHN MCCANN <cajun776@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 9:15 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

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,

John Mccann

Grey Fox Charters

Point Judith

Chris O'Brien

From: Chuck Miga <chuckmiga@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Hose Bill 6256

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

At a high-level, this tax would negatively impact the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community. Personally, I still find it hard to believe that our small state has a \$14B budget and is still in need of additional revenue streams, but understand everyone may consider these issues through a different lens. That said, I did want to add some additional perspective beyond the dollars and cents.

First, I am a Rhode Islander having grown up here and then relocating back to the state 20 years ago. I am also a shareholder and President of a small RI employer of 45 people with a customer base across the country, investors in Indianapolis, a bank in Kansas City, warehouses in 3 states and board members in 4 different states. The point of this description is that I spend a fair amount of time dealing with business interests outside of the state's borders and to some degree, find myself a sometimes ambassador as I try to recruit employees, investors, customers, etc. against nearby competitive states.

While one particular tax – be it boats or any other may not sway a decision one way or the other – the collective sentiment of a state's tax environment does. My experience is that some of these soft, recreational-type taxes have an outsized effect on that perception – particularly as it relates to a state that promotes its shoreline, the bay, beaches, etc.

In closing, I hope that you consider these alternative views in consideration of RI boaters, and perhaps more importantly, removing a competitive advantage we have outside of our state's borders.

Sincerely,

Chuck Miga
255 Hunters Crossing
East Greenwich, RI 02818
P. 401.419.7871

Chris O'Brien

From: E Howard Mc Vay Jr <captmcvay@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 3:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Boat Tax

Dear members of the Finance Committee,
Years ago I was involved with the Rhode Island Marine Trade Assoc in the effort to have the marine industry tax free. This has been a great success and is evident by looking at the waterfront all around RI and the associated industries that support it.

It would be a big mistake to reverse what we accomplished years ago.

Please vote no on taxing the marine industry.

Regards,
Capt E. Howard McVay Jr.

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark McDonnell <hullssp@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 1:30 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

The Committee Hearing is on Tuesday (TODAY)

House Finance Committee

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.

Thank You

Mark J McDonnell

Chris O'Brien

From: Mike McMahon <mike@williamsandstuart.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:35 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 McMahon
East Greenwich*

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Chris O'Brien

From: Rob May <rob.may19@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 9, 2025 6:33 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB6256

I strongly oppose HB6256- NO SALES AND PROPERTY TAX ON BOATS !!

Thank you for your time

Robert May

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Chris O'Brien

From: john_magyar@att.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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*Sincerely,
John S Magyar
804 Cowesett Rd
Warwick RI 02886*

Chris O'Brien

From: THOMAS MONTALBANO <yobmot1@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:01 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No boat tax

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Robert Morton <rmorton333@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on Boats

As a long term citizen and boater in Rhode Island, I am writing to oppose Bill H6256 that would impose sales and property taxes on boats in Rhode Island. I remember the last time this was done and the long term damage it did to the boating industry in our state. Please do not let that happen again.

Robert Morton
407 Corey Lane
Middletown, RI 02842

Chris O'Brien

From: maloil@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:28 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. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely,
[Russell T Maloney [Pawtucket

Chris O'Brien

From: James Manchester <james.manchester@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256-Vote NO

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.

James Manchester
Bristol

Chris O'Brien

From: Susan McTiernan <smctiernan2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote on boats tax

Please accept this email as a strong request that a boat tax NOT be instituted in Rhode Island!!

Thank you.

Susan McTiernan, D.B.A.
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Chris O'Brien

From: Matt Murphy <mmurphy@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:21 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,
Matt Murphy

Bristol, RI

Matthew Murphy
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Chris O'Brien

From: John Murray <murrayjohn545@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Boat TAX

Please vote NO on this TAX BILL.
We have enough taxes already.

Chris O'Brien

From: KAREN MORIN <kmorin1104@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:28 PM
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,
Karen and Normand Morin
Coventry.**

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Patrick McLoughlin <patrick@bristolmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:37 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please Say NO to the 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,
Patrick McLoughlin
Bristol Marine, President

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Patrick McLoughlin
Bristol Marine
401-239-9055

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob McLaughlin <bob.mclaughlin@alumni.duke.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:37 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No on 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.

Robert McLaughlin
423 Hope St
Bristol RI 02809

Chris O'Brien

From: John Michalak <johnrm5858@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: From Boat & property owner in Rhode Island

Please say NO to BOAT property and sales tax in the state of Rhode Island!!!!

This would have a devastating affect on the economy here in Rhode Island!

John Michalak
16 Catherine St
Newport RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ron Milardo <rmilardo@cooperss.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:36 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Ron Milardo

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Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Meyer <jeff_mey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: re: vote NO to H6256 (boat tax)

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

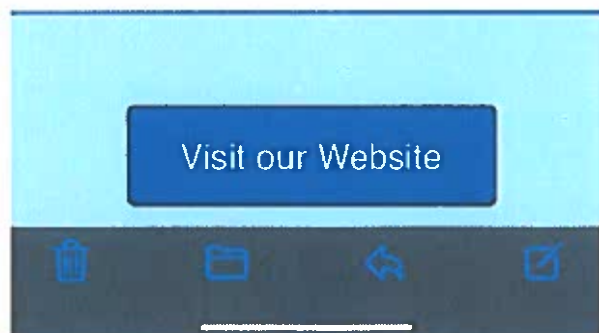
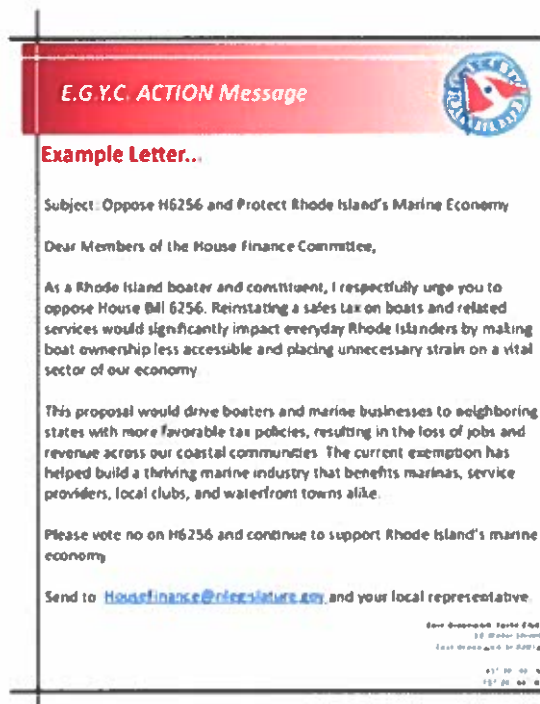
Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Meyer
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Coventry RI 02816

Chris O'Brien

From: accudyne machine <marvin9dog@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Reject h6256



Sent from ACCU-DYNE | Phone

Chris O'Brien

From: Doug Mancosh <doug@mancoshmgt.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

The boats owned and kept in RI drive existing revenues from sales tax charged on a multitude of boat related activities, registration revenues and tourism tax revenue.

You place a tax on boats you will reduce the boat volume and related revenues from the activity. What if any independent study has been conducted to weight this?

Although boats are non-essential to most owners, many boats are not owned solely by people with high discretionary income.

Frankly, the boating recreation opportunity in Rhode Island offset many negative costs of residence in the state including real estate tax. They are an asset that allow RI to compete favorably in the New England state and draws people from other states to RI.

Don't diminish a positive aspect of the RI lifestyle that offset and negate the negative aspects of living the state.

You have an expense issue to tackle, focus on expenses.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ron Milardo <rmilardo@cooperss.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote no!

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Chris O'Brien

From: mike martineau <biker5961@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on boats

Do not put taxes on boats they are expensive enough Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: David Martin <dmartin1592@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

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Chris O'Brien

From: markmacgillivray1@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

The boat tax should NOT be imposed in RI. This is bad for the economy as demonstrated by the previous luxury tax. The marine industry is an integral part of the local economy. You should be talking measures to protect and promote this vital industry, not stifle and destroy what many have worked hard to build.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Matt Manella <matt@americanmachinecompany.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:17 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.

Chris O'Brien

From: Stephen J. MacGillivray <smacgillivray@PierceAtwood.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:11 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please vote NO on 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,

Steve MacGillivray

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Chris O'Brien

From: Don Murphy <donrickmurph@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:08 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]