

Chris O'Brien

From: suzanne Nordstrom <snordstrom123@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 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,
Sue Nordstrom
198 Whitehead Rd
Coventry, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Newbauer <newbauerjp@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

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Sincerely+ame]

Peter Newbauer
[Your
Town] Newport RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Rhett iPhone <rhett.iphone@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:38 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and marine tradesman, 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, just like the luxury tax did several decades ago. Do you remember what happened to the boat industry here back then?

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

Sincerely,

Rhett Nanson
Warren, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jill Nosach <jillnosach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:48 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: John Nosach <john.nosach@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:07 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.

John Nosach
8 Robin Drive
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jay Newman <jay1man1@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:39 AM
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,
Jay Newman

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Noberini <joenobie22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee

Bill H5256

Please vote NO

Chris O'Brien

From: Kelly Nevins <knevins@wfri.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:43 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony in support of 5473 attached
Attachments: 2025-5 Support for H5474 Revenue for RI.pdf

Please see attached testimony for today's hearing.

Sincerely,
Kelly Nevins

Kelly Nevins, CEO

Women's Fund of Rhode Island

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Or visit <https://www.cloudhq.net/meeting/knevins@wfri.org>

P.S. Check out our [upcoming events](#) - hope you can join us at one or more of them!

Chris O'Brien

From: Young, Natasha <Natasha.Young@dell.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Strongly Oppose Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a RI 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 RI Marine industry.

Sincerely,

Natasha Young

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Chris O'Brien

From: lucas noreau <ln239@live.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 9:24 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,

Lucas Noreau

Portsmouth

Chris O'Brien

From: Rebecca Noon <rebelnoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:27 PM
To: Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; House Finance Committee; Rep. Shekarchi, K Joseph; Rep. Carson, Lauren H.; Nicole McCarty
Subject: Request to Restore Funding for Electronic Poll Books

The Honorable Representative Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee
State House
82 Smith St
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the Committee,
I am writing to request your consideration in restoring funding requested by the Board of Elections for electronic poll books.

As a poll worker, I have seen firsthand the significant improvements Newport has made in the voter check-in process at polling places through the use of electronic poll books. Using electronic poll books has dramatically reduced wait times and has streamlined operations, contributing to a more efficient and accessible voting experience for all Newporters.

It is my understanding that the current electronic poll books must soon be replaced to maintain their security and functionality for future upcoming elections. Without funding for updated poll books, we risk reverting to the use of paper voter lists. This would not only result in longer lines and increased voter frustration, but also incur substantial printing costs. Paper voter lists are hundreds of pages long and multiple copies must be printed for each polling place. Additionally, Newport would need to hire more poll workers to manage the manual check-in process.

Electronic poll pads have made the check-in process for voters seamless and more accurate. There is no more flipping through hundreds of pages to find the correct voter. Instead, the process starts by scanning the barcode of a driver's license or state ID and locating the correct voter file. From there, we guide the voter to review their information, select the appropriate ballot style if it's a primary, and sign an oath attesting to their eligibility. All this typically happens in under 2 minutes. **Importantly, after almost a decade, voters are accustomed to using the electronic poll pad at check-in. Surprising them with a return to a much slower paper list will decrease confidence in our elections.**

Electronic poll pad books also contain important security features. They help us identify voters who have arrived at the wrong precinct and helps us direct them to their correct polling location, ensuring that only eligible voters in the district are voting in the appropriate races. Each poll pad also synchronizes with all the other poll pads statewide, ensuring that once a voter is checked in or has history of requesting a mail ballot, they cannot go to another precinct and attempt to vote there. Lastly, the electronic poll books help us prevent disenfranchisement by keeping records up to date by flagging when affirmation forms are necessary and providing clerks with a way to issue provisional ballots for voters that qualify for them.

Electronic poll books are a critical component of every poll worker's ability to conduct secure, efficient, and modern elections. I urge you to restore the funding needed to ensure this vital technology remains in place.

Thank you for your attention and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Rebecca Noon

Poll worker at ST PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee

The Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker

Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House

Christopher O'Brien, Committee Clerk

The Honorable Lauren Carson

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Nyman <email4nyman@aol.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,
Andrew Nyman
Rumford, RI 02916*

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Noberini <joenobie22@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee

Bill H5256

Please vote NO

Chris O'Brien

From: Bryan Nimirosky <rosky177@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:09 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,
Brian Nimiroski
Richmond RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Nadeau <joenadeau@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a long time Rhode Island boat owner, I strongly oppose the bill you are set to consider tomorrow - H6256.

Instating a sales 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.

Sincerely,
Joseph Nadeau

Chris O'Brien

From: James Nooney <jnooney62@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:35 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. Our RI economy needs thriving industries badly. The marine industry is one of the few in this state. In the past 25 years I have purchased 6 NEW boats and 100s of hours of services. I am absolutely certain that if a sale tax had been in place during those 25 years it would have influenced my purchases and I would have bought fewer boats and services. PLEASE! vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely, James Nooney, Charlestown,RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Chris Nero <nerocp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: PROPOSED BILL H6256- BOATING TAX

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. As a born-and-raised Rhode-Islander who shares with many the greatness of our "ocean state", please reconsider this bill, and how it impacts our local economy and tourism.

Thank you

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob <bob356@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax bill

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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,

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Robert Norton
President
OCEAN 356
339-201-1080

Chris O'Brien

From: Joe Nadeau <joe@petzolds.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:52 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater and industry veteran, I strongly oppose H6256. The lack of sales tax in RI has really been a boon to individual boaters and the vast numbers of boat related businesses in RI.

Instating a tax on boats will not only hurt everyday Rhode Islanders by pricing them out of access to RI waters, but will harm marine-related businesses...threatening local jobs and negatively impacting our economy.

I strongly encourage you to vote NO on H6256. Rhode Island's marine industry is vital to the state's economy!

Sincerely,

Best,
Joe Nadeau
Certified Professional Yacht Broker

Petzolds Yacht Sales Rhode Island

Safe Harbor Cowesett (Chello's)

Dealers for Chris-Craft, Sabre, Back Cove, Regal, Sea Fox, Edgewater, Sylvan, Starcraft. Sail and Powerboat brokerage.

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ryan Neville <nevillerm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing as a concerned Rhode Island boater to express my strong opposition to H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats would have detrimental effects on our local economy. This measure risks pricing everyday Rhode Islanders out of access to our waters, driving boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, and threatening local jobs. The resulting economic impact could be substantial.

I urge you to vote **NO** on H6256 to safeguard Rhode Island's marine industry and the livelihoods it supports.

Sincerely,
Ryan Neville
Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ryan Neville <nevillerm@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:57 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Sincerely,
Ryan Neville
Warwick, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Susan Noll <suevid2@optonline.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:11 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please DO NOT tax Boats

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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 Noll
Huntington, New York
And
Portsmouth RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Nyman <email4nyman@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:19 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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*Sincerely,
Andrew Nyman
Rumford, RI 02916*

Chris O'Brien

From: James Noon <jnoon9093@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:55 AM
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,

James Noon

Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Harvey Naseck <harvelec@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:50 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
Harvey Naseck
Newport

Chris O'Brien

From: C N <carlsnorman55@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:12 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.

Carl Norman
Army. MAJ (Ret)
508 243-0117

Chris O'Brien

From: James Noon <jnoon02879@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:11 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Fwd: Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boat owner and fisherman, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

The Rhode Island marine industry experienced significant growth after the repeal of sales tax on boats in 1993. This policy change has been credited with attracting more boaters, boosting employment, and fostering a thriving environment for skilled boat builders and professionals. The no-tax policy extends to not only the purchase of boats but also related services like dockage, repairs, and mooring fees.

This is simply another tax and will have a harmful impact on the Rhode Island economy.

Sincerely,

James Noon
South Kingstown, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeffrey Newman, D.C. <drjeffnewman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:45 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,

Jeffrey Z Newman, (Riverside, RI)

Chris O'Brien

From: greg norden <gnorden9@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:44 AM
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. This would be a terrible outcome for RI and its marine industry.

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

Sincerely,

Greg Norden
Newport