
Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Porter <jimkporter3@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:17 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.

Cheers
Jim

Chris O'Brien

From: Craig Pelkola <craig@pelkola.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:00 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.

Craig

Chris O'Brien

From: William Porter <williamporter@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:06 AM
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.

Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry. Sincerely, [Your Name]

Bill

Chris O'Brien

From: Tom Powers <kwstpilot@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Powers and Nancy Ellingwood

15 Egret Lane

Westerly, RI 028891

Chris O'Brien

From: MICHAEL PETERS <2bsrifiboat@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

*Sincerely,
Alice M Morin
Narragansett RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Courtney Ponte <courtneyraeponte@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will 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,
Courtney Ponte, Warwick, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: MICHAEL PETERS <2bsrifiboat@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:26 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

*Sincerely,
Michael P Morin
Narragansett RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Kristian Photopoulos <kphoto27@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:22 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,

*Kristian Photopoulos
Saunderstown, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Perry <jnperry55@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

I am against the boat tax. I will support those who are against the tax.

Jeff Perry

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: Paul Pasqualoni <paulpasqualoni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:43 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Say no to the boat tax!!!!

Chris O'Brien

From: bplunkett@cox.net
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Subject: NO on H6256 - Bill Plunkett M.V. Hawkeye

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, and having the opportunity to have worked in the boating industry for Vanguard Sailboats/Laser Performance, I saw firsthand the positive impact that removing the sales tax on boats had on the RI Marine Industry, and continues to add value today!

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**.

Sincerely,
Bill and Nancy Plunkett
Portsmouth, R.I.
M/V Hawkeye

Chris O'Brien

From: Wyatt Paquin <paquinwyatt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:58 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,
Wyatt Paquin

Chris O'Brien

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Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:58 PM
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Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Wyatt Paquin

Chris O'Brien

From: Kory Pitre <korypitre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:28 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Strongly Oppose H6256

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,
Kory Pitre

East Greenwich, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Dante Pennacchia <dante.penn@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:26 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on boating and slips

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,
Dante Pennacchia
Narragansett, RI*

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: kporter9946@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: kporter9946@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

We live in Vermont during the winter and summer in Rhode Island so that we can use our boat where we have marina slip in Warwick and own a condo at 5954 Post Road in Warwick.

We live and spend money in Rhode Island because the State does not TAX our vessel, the marina slip and work done on the boat. If you change the tax law Reinstating a tax on boats we would be inclined to move all of our economic benefit to Rhode Island like sales tax, dining out and other expenditures that we make as part time residents, and move all of that to Vermont. It 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,
Ken Porter
3954 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Ken Porter
860-428-4999
Kporter9946@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: R Pastore <rpengri@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee

I'm not sure where this idea originated from but I strongly oppose H6252. .

Reinstating a sales or property tax on boats will negatively impact the recreational and commercial boating industry upon which the state is heavily dependent. i suggest you suspend the salary raises for state department heads if you are looking for additional revenue sources. .

This is just an attempt to make up for the car tax cancellation.

Additionally all i ve seen is a constant increase in every registration and/or licensing fee over the past few years which is a burden on businesses like mine.

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

Richard Pastore P.E.
RP Engineering Inc
121 Suffolk Dr
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Kip Paterson <kipmpaterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 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. 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,
Kip M Paterson
Warwick, RI*

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Kip M Paterson
774-232-1140

Chris O'Brien

From: Jonathan P <jonathanbpritchard@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:08 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,
Jonathan Pritchard
Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jackson Parmenter <JParmenter@ksprlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:38 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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.

Here's why this policy has been so successful:

Incentivizes buying and keeping boats in Rhode Island:

The lack of sales tax makes Rhode Island an attractive destination for boat owners.

Boosts local economy:

The marine industry in Rhode Island has seen significant growth, leading to job creation and economic activity.

Attracts skilled professionals:

The thriving marine environment has attracted and retained skilled workers in the boat-building and related industries.

Promotes tourism:

The presence of a large and vibrant boating community can attract tourists and further boost the local economy.

This is one of the few "economic bright spots" in Rhode Island and we should not go backwards.

Best,

Jackson C. Parmenter, Esq.

Partner

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Chris O'Brien

From: Multi Tech Alarm Corp <mta3301@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:35 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: OPPOSE h6256 - DON'T TAX BOATS

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

*Sincerely,
Michael Pannullo
Cranston RI 02921*

Chris O'Brien

From: John Potter <jhnpotter02@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:08 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a concerned citizen in Rhode Island, 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.

Best regards,
John Potter
191 Narragansett Ave
Jamestown RI

Chris O'Brien

From: matthew parker <city.hands@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:06 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]

Matt Parker
Barrington, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: nick padula <npadula@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:04 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]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: mark.phillips11@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:58 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island resident and 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,

Mark Phillips
Westerly, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Sands Payne <biskico@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:56 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, and a business owner that relies on the boating community, 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,

E. Sands Payne
Block Island

Chris O'Brien

From: Rich Phelan <richphelan2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:48 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Chris O'Brien

From: AL Parenteau <alparenteau@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 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: Ireland, Piper <piiper_ireland@brown.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:16 AM
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.

As someone who was born and raised in California and have as an adult chosen RI as my home, the boating and marine culture of the state has been a major draw for me to come and stay here. My parents who have lived in Los Angeles for over 65 years are actively looking at moving to Barrington to live out their dream of owning a boat and having it be attainable to get out on the water and enjoy their retirement. This tax would deter and prohibit them and those like them and myself from getting to enjoy a vital part of what makes RI so special.

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

Sincerely,
Piper Ireland
Providence, RI



Piper Ireland, B.A. (she/her)
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Chris O'Brien

From: thomas poirier <tpp23201@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: REJECT Proposed tax on boats : H6256

I am a resident of East Providence RI. I am writing to say I oppose any new taxes on Boats in RI. No most people who boat in R I are not rich !!! They are middle income residence that own boats under 30 ft in length. Instead of trying to tax everything in RI why dont you : CUT SPENDING !!!!!

Thomas Poirier.

East Providence RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Clark, Peter <pclark@hinckleyyachts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:50 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: HB 6256 - Protect our Marine Trades
Attachments: HB6256_Hinckley.pdf

Good morning,
Please find the attached letter opposing HB6256.

Peter Clark

Chief Development Officer, Hinckley Yachts

Mobile 401-595-7756

Email pclark@hinckleyyachts.com

1 Little Harbor Landing, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

From: Giff Plume <giffplume@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

Respectfully as a Rhode Island boater, a Rhode Island resident, as well as a part time marine contractor, 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, or worse out of the marine industry entirely and therefore threatening local jobs, and negatively impacting our economy. This is especially true for the vast majority of RI boaters who are just common folks like myself, and are already being squeezed to the point of pain by rapidly rising costs. Please don't force us out of an activity we all love that is uniquely Rhode Island in nature by adding to the financial burden.

*Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry that is one of the few local RI industries that are still left in the state.*

Sincerely Yours,

Captain Giff Plume

USCG 100 Ton Master
10 Hillview Drive
North Scituate(Glocester), RI 02857
giffplume@gmail.com
401-439-6406

Chris O'Brien

From: Ross Pelletier <rosspelletier84@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 6256 - Potential Loss of Revenue for Rhode Island

Dear Members of the Rhode Island House Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 6256, which proposes a sales or property tax on boats. While the intent may be to generate additional revenue, this legislation is likely to have the opposite effect and harm Rhode Island's economy.

Boat owners are highly mobile and can easily register their vessels in neighboring states that do not impose sales or property taxes on boats, such as Massachusetts or Connecticut. By doing so, they would avoid the proposed tax entirely. However, this would also mean Rhode Island would lose the registration fees that these owners currently pay to the state. These fees are a reliable source of revenue, and their loss could outweigh any potential tax gains from the bill.

Furthermore, driving boat owners to register elsewhere could negatively impact local businesses, including marinas, repair shops, and marine supply stores, as owners may choose to dock and service their vessels in other states. This would reduce economic activity and tax revenue in Rhode Island's coastal communities.

I urge you to reconsider House Bill 6256 and explore alternative revenue sources that do not incentivize boat owners to take their business out of state. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to Rhode Island's economic well-being.

Sincerely,

Ross Pelletier
44 Allison Ave
Coventry, RI 02816

rosspelletier84@gmail.com
(401)230-2371

Chris O'Brien

From: Antonio Pinheiro <tonypin83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:15 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: JOS PORCELLI <juporcelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:07 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Don't tax boats

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: JOS PORCELLI <juporcelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:07 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Don't tax boats

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Marc Patch <worknguy1@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:43 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.

Chris O'Brien

From: David Payne <dpayne2jnj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:40 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. The marine industry is one of the last viable businesses left in Rhode Island.

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

*Sincerely,
David Payne
Portsmouth, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Plante <aplante@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:52 AM
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,
Alex Plante
Westerly

Alexander Plante
Marine Systems Technician
401-349-9008

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Chris O'Brien

From: Doug Poscich <doug@5th-axis.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:52 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Rhode Island has overtaxed its individuals to the point where I am looking to move my primary house and business south. I currently own multiple boats, this would be the final straw. It's bad enough that my home property taxes have more than doubled in 8 yrs of living in Rhode Island.

I think Rhode Island should focus on management and not taxation. Any talented young individuals (Engineers and Skilled Technicians) that have worked for me have moved out of the state. They cannot afford to buy a house here or afford the cost of living in Rhode Island. You need to focus on the future and not the present.

Doug Poscich
5th AXIS, LLC

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Plante <aplante@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:50 AM
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,
Alex Plante
Westerly

Alexander Plante
Marine Systems Technician
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Chris O'Brien

From: Christine Parker <cparker@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please NO TAX on BOATS!

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and professional in the marine industry, 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,
Christine Parker

Christine Parker
Director of Talent
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Chris O'Brien

From: Phillips, Raymond <Raymond.Phillips@bristolcc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:03 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,
Raymond Phillips
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