

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Lynne Phipps <lynne@beachwoodri.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:03 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.

Rev. Lynne Bryan Phipps MDiv, IET, LEED AP  
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Shift Perspective.... Heal with horses

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** ROBERT POPOLILLO <unreel30@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 12:47 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.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Michael Fappiano-Puttre <michael.fappiano@maritime.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12:15 PM  
**To:** Rep. Azzinaro, Samuel A.; Rep. Lombardi, John J.; Rep. Spears, Tina L.; Rep. Kennedy, Brian Patrick; House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** HB-6256 Boat Tax Exemption Removal

To my RI Representatives,

My name is Michael and I write to you today regarding HB-6256 which aims to remove the state's tax exemption for watercraft.

I am a proud resident of the ocean state, sailboat owner and US merchant mariner. I both support my family with income from work as an USCG licensed engineer aboard ships and enjoy using my own sailboat recreationally and I am disappointed in the state legislature for considering the removal of tax exemption.

The marine industry is one of Rhode Island's largest and the marine trades and recreational boating generate billions of dollars annually for the state already.

While I understand the push to tax pleasure craft for extremely wealthy individuals, imposing a sales and use tax on all vessels will be detrimental to both recreational boating and the marine trades, especially commercial fishing.

I encourage you to vote no on HB-6256 and continue the tax exemption for boats in Rhode Island.

Thank you.

Fair Winds,

USCG 3/M 3 A/E Unltd. Michael Fappiano-Puttre, 3rd Assistant Engineer, US Merchant Marine

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**From:** Jon Perry <ejperry1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:53 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 Edward Perry**

USCG 50 Ton Master  
295 Biscuit City Rd  
Kingston, RI 02881  
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781-985-6137

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**From:** Mark Pintarelli <markpintarelli7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:43 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee

No boat taxes,take care of our roads.

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Beth Piemonte <bethpiemonte@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:30 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat and excise 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,  
Mary Beth Piemonte  
Barrington Rhode Island]

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**From:** Alison Pardee <awpardee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:08 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,

Alison W Pardee  
16 Monkey Wrench Ln  
Bristol, RI 02809

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**From:** William Petrocelli <william.petrocelli@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:51 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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,  
William Petrocelli  
Bristol, RI

Sent from my iPhone



**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Charlie Payne <less.painful@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:46 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.

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

Sincerely,  
Charles Payne  
1 Portside  
Bristol, RI 02809

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**From:** Marsha Petaja <marshapetaja@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:05 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No boat tax!!

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy.

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

Marsha Petaja

Sincerely,

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**From:** George Palazzo <g\_palazzo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:44 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Islands Marine Economy

Dear RI Representatives/ Finance Committe,

Please do not become a part of resurrecting the boating tax idea that caused such hardships to not only boat owners, but almost devastated the entire multi billion dollar RI marine industry a couple of decades ago!

Please vote "No" on H6256.

Every boat owner contributes directly to the RI economy not only by the taxes & fees related to vessel purchase & registration, but also indirectly to the many services needed to safely operate a pleasure vessel, for example: Fuel; engine repair; mooring / docking rental or purchase; annual boat hauling & launching; winter land or in-water storage; annual winterization supplies; boat insurance; sail repair & storage, etc. etc.

Most of these services are provided by small, family owned tax paying companies that will surely be negatively impacted if boat owners get out of boating, not to mention boaters who may decide to get out of RI.

Your negative vote on H6256 will help preserve the Ocean State's robust marine industry and optimal enjoyment & use of our most precious natural resource / income generating asset.

Thank you for your consideration,

George & Cathie Palazzo  
50+ year resident of Johnston  
50+ year sailboat owner  
40+ year mooring rental,                      Newport Harbor  
35+ year member of the East.              Greenwich Yacht Club  
Retiree 27 years, US Army / RI.              National Guard

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**From:** Susan Maffei Plowden <suma3@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:25 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256: Vote NO

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and boat owner, 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,

Susan Maffei Plowden  
Jamestown, RI

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**From:** Rob Policelli <jpond0013@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:05 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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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 Policelli  
Coventry, R.I.

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Ian Parker <Ian.Parker@bd.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:31 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on H6256!!

i understand the proposed bill H6256 is going in front of the State House to be voted on and would reinstate a sales and annual property tax on boats in Rhode Island. This would reverse years of growth in our state economy and hurt the working families and businesses 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!!

Sincerely,



**Ian Parker**  
Bristol, RI

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**From:** kearm1@verizon.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:14 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

**SUBJECT:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee - As a Rhode Island Boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt 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.

Rhode Island is the "Ocean State." Please do not put additional financial burdens that will bar us from access to the one reason most of us live in Rhode Island.

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

Sincerely, Ken Prignano, Chepachet, Rhode Island

**Chris O'Brien**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:25 AM  
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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!!

Sincerely,



**Ian Parker**  
Bristol, RI

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**From:** brendan@ab-marine.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 2:45 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats!!!!

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am a RI marine business owner, I strongly oppose H6256.

Last time this bill went into play years ago it gutted a thriving boat building industry in RI. This state already does not have much business incentive so keeping what we can do not let this bill pass. This is one of the few advantages we have as the State of RI over our surrounding states. If you have done your homework on how this will affect the industry you will clearly see what happened when this was implemented in the past.

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.

Thank You,  
Brendan Prior  
AB-Marine.com  
Ph: 401.847.7960  
Cell: 401.225.5726

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**From:** Catherine Piccoli <cwpiccoli@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 9, 2025 6:58 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.

Sincerely,

Catherine W. Piccoli  
Newport, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** GARY PERSCHAU <gperschau@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:46 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

We live in a smallest state and get texted out of our mind. When is it going stop?  
This is the time to end. You're just nickel and dimming everybody.

Look at how much the average boater puts into the economy in this state. Newport, Jamestown, Barrington, Bristol, Warren, Galilee, Salt Pond, And let us not forget, Block Island. That brings millions to the economy of Rhode Island.

Please don't think what a few who want, try to do, who knows nothing about what's printed on our license plate. The Ocean State.

Gary Perschau  
As+a+Rhode+Island+boater,+I+strongly+oppose+H62

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 iPad

Chris O'Brien

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**From:** John Pace <pacers5ri@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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,  
John S Pace. Watren,RI*

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Proccap Prock <proccap@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:44 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 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,  
Patricia Roccapriore  
Coventry RI

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** t Pasqual <tpasqual1948@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:30 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose house bill 62568

I am opposed to Bill 6256. Please vote NO to this bill!  
RI 02809

Thomas Pasqual, 222 Hope Street, #9, Bristol,

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Stephanie Poremby <sporemby@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:34 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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,

Stephanie Poremby  
Bristol

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**From:** Larry Pierce <larrypierce1@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:45 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Boat tax

When it was instituted in the 80's, it destroyed the marine industry. Almost every boat builder's doors closed. When it was repealed, the industry came back, but only after destroying businesses and the marine tradesman's livelihood. We have empirical evidence that the luxury tax is a complete failure. How can this even be considered? The lack of vision here is so disappointing. Please do better. This is nothing short of killing the golden goose.

Regards,

Larry Pierce  
84 Woodsong Dr.  
N. Scituate, RI 02857  
401.480.4982



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**From:** Jordan Pollock <jordanl.pollock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:43 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No Tax on Boats

Please no tax on boats. Stop taking our money.

JordanL.Pollock@gmail.com  
508.965.5155

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**From:** Joseph Prato <jprato58@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:24 PM  
**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,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Joseph Prato <jprato58@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:24 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

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Sincerely,

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[Your Town]

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Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Town]

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## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Nicholas Papa <eastbeachoysterco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:53 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No tax on boats.

To whom it may concern,

I'm emailing in today to oppose the proposal for taxation on Boats. It has been the one place where we don't get hammered by taxes. It will be a detriment to the boating industry and henceforth the tourism industry if this bill is enacted.

My proposal is that we get our state budget within our means. We cannot rely on our hard-working people to take up the slack for all of the miss spending that has been going on for decades

Thanks, East Beach Oyster Co. LLC

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** David Pomfret <pomfret@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** 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,  
David Pomfret  
Barrington, RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Brad Piccerelli <bradpic@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:59 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

*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  
Brad J Piccerelli  
Barrington, Ri*



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**From:** Daniel Pacheco <danpacheco53@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:26 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 - Boat Tax

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> Dear Members of the House Finance Committee  
>  
> As a lifelong Rhode islander who grew up near the 400 miles of coastline we enjoy, I was born and raised to love boats! It quickly became a staple of my life both personally and professionally. I have witnessed how not having taxes on boats helps this state firsthand. From yachts like those than belong to John Kerry and Billy Joel to our local quahoggers and fisherman. This state benefits greatly from this. At the many marinas I worked at as a kid and adult I was able to witness boats being purchased and kept here in RI due to our current tax exemption. We would rent boat slips and winter storage along with selling products and employing people to take care of these boats and supplies. The taxes from those items would benefit RI as well. If we lose this not only will we lose the retail tax sales dollars but it will directly affect the marinas and marine trades here in RI. It is our last standing benefit for a state that ranks 50 out of 50 for small businesses.  
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> On the personal front my home was just re assessed, my taxes are going up. The cost of electricity is egregious and going up considerably, home heating is almost unaffordable, you don't get tax credit when trading in a truck (the only state left that does this) and now it's considering taxing boats??? The Ocean State??? Really?!?!  
>  
> I am disappointed at the sponsors. This state has shown enough already with the Washington bridge. It doesn't need more money and it doesn't need to destroy the marine trades. I hope this committee has more common sense than the bill sponsors and votes down this legislation Opposing H6256, keeping it from even leaving the committee.  
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> Thank you all for taking the time to read this  
>  
> Your Tax Paying Constituents,  
>  
> Daniel and Alicia Pacheco  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Ron P <getreelgofishin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:24 PM  
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Sincerely,  
Mr. Ronald Porter  
Cranston, RI 02921

Chris O'Brien

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**From:** CHERYL PACE <pacers5@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:32 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256

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*Sincerely,  
Cheryl B Pace  
Warren, RI*

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**From:** Clark Poston <clarkposton1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:20 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No to tax on boats

No to tax on boats  
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**From:** Ernie Pullano <ernie@cleancare.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:13 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

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**From:** Ernie Pullano <ernie@cleancare.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:12 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.

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Joseph Pakuris <joe@motherearthri.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:02 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,

Joseph Pakuris  
Coventry



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**From:** T K <tomk0699@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:23 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

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Sincerely,

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Coventry RI

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** stephen poirier <stephenpoirier23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:35 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, Stephen Poirier

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Linda Palardy <linda.palardy521@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:15 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,  
Linda & Dave Palardy  
Cumberland RI**

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Cathy and Mike Parker <mc4parker@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:14 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** NO on 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.*

*I'm a Mass resident the chooses to purchase my boat and keep this boat in a RI marina because of the savings. Without this benefit, I no longer have this incentive to keep boating in RI.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Michael Parker  
Uxbridge*

**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Eric Posillo <ericposillobuildersinc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:28 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,

Bethany Moore  
Charlestown, RI

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** andrew@arplante.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:02 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats  
  
**Importance:** High

*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 Plante*

*-Newport, RI*

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**From:** Henry Perotti <henryperotti@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:33 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** No 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 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, Henry Perotti  
Narragansett, Rhode Island

Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Kelsy Patnaude <kelsy.patnaude@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:34 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** VOTE NO on H6256

Hello,

I am working class and work in the industry as a captain.

I am a small boat owner of a shields class sailboat (youngest owner and only female owner in our fleet) re-instating the tax will make this accomplishment very difficult and likely impossible for me.

Re-instating the tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine related jobs out of state and will negatively impact our state's economy.

Thank you,

Kelsy Patnaude  
Captain Onawa US 6  
Shields 204

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## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** John Peterson <drhort@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:10 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Stop 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, John Peterson, 1084 Slocum Road. Saunderstown, RI 02874

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**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.

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Jim

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Craig Pappas <pappas.craig1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 5:02 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

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,

Lee Craig Pappas of Bellingham MA.

A current registered boater.

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Bob Paradise <bparadise@attaintechology.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 4:57 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats  
**Attachments:** Robert\_Bob\_Paradise.vcf



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**From:** Joshua Plotkin <josh.plotkin08@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:24 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.

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

Sincerely,

Josh Plotkin  
Warwick, RI

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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Bill Powers <bill@26northyachts.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:45 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Concerned Rhode Island Marine Professional

Dear Members of the Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, homeowner, business owner, and marine industry professional with offices in both Florida and Rhode Island, I bring a unique perspective to House Bill 6256. I am writing today in strong opposition to this bill and respectfully urge the committee to reject it.

Marine-related industries account for 8.8% of Rhode Island's total GDP and employ 5.7% of the state's workforce. These sectors—collectively known as the “Blue Economy”—are vital to our state's financial health and community well-being. The proposed tax threatens to destabilize this critical economic engine.

Each summer, high-value vessels—often worth over \$1 million—are moored in Rhode Island by out-of-state owners who choose our waters specifically to avoid the sales and use taxes imposed in their home states. These boaters contribute significantly to the local economy, supporting restaurants, retail stores, marinas, grocery markets, and liquor stores. They are among the highest-spending visitors to our state, helping sustain jobs across a wide range of businesses.

While a sales tax would lessen Rhode Island's competitive advantage over neighboring states like Massachusetts and Connecticut, the introduction of a property tax would be far more damaging. It would greatly reduce the incentive for boaters to keep their vessels in Rhode Island and risk driving away the economic activity they generate.

At a time when our state faces continued economic uncertainty, we must protect—not jeopardize—one of our most productive and irreplaceable sectors. I urge you to consider the broad and lasting impact this bill would have on Rhode Island's marine economy and the thousands of jobs it supports.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

**Bill Powers**

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Chip Parris <chipparris@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:15 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,

Clifford Parris  
Narragansett

Sent from my iPhone

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Vic Parris <vparris@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:14 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,  
Virginia Parris  
Narragansett

Sent from my iPhone



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**Chris O'Brien**

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**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

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**From:** Ireland, Piper <[piper\\_ireland@brown.edu](mailto:piper_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



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**Chris O'Brien**

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**From:** Jana Planka <jmplanka@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:20 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Opposition to H6256

"Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,

Jana M Planka

Narragansett, RI

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