

Chris O'Brien

From: Irving Sheldon <icsheldon12.5@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:35 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

As a Rhode Island yachtsman sailing the Concordia 39 Wild Swan and the Haven 12 and a half Quetenis, 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.

Sincerely,

Irving C. Sheldon Jr.

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Deb Schuster <dschuster5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:58 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,
Deb Proulx
Warwick

Chris O'Brien

From: Sokolowski, Charles <csokolowski@hinckleyyachts.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:58 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 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.

Best,

Yash

Charles Yash Sokolowski
Hinckley Service Manager
One Little Harbor Landing | Portsmouth, RI 02871
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Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Schweikart <eric.schweikart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:47 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,

Eric Schweikart

Chris O'Brien

From: heidi steinmetz <hesw227@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:09 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee, As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

Please vote NO on H6256. Do not sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely, Heidi Steinmetz, Westerly Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: Drew Stocker <stocker.drew@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:09 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,

Drew Stocker
Warwick

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Chris O'Brien

From: Mike Stew <mikestew401@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:03 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,

Mike Stewart
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: William Sutton <tomanddiana@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Keep RI the sailing Capital!

HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov 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 incentive is why we bought out boats here. Don't drive us away! Keep Rhode Island the boating capital of America!!

Tom & Diana Sutton
tomanddiana@me.com
713-557-3010 (Tom)
281-630-3933 (Diana)

Chris O'Brien

From: Jay Souza <jay@newportjerkycorpany.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:28 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Quit it

Make some cuts where it's needed. Taxing people over and over and over just proves that you are taking an easy way out and are desperate for money. Taking more money from the class that keeps Rhode Island going is insane. But hey! You can prob use the extra money to give to those who don't pay taxes. Look around in the meeting at the faces of the people who came up with this ludicrous idea and think. You need more money? Make some needed cuts. Leave your people alone for fucks sake. Oh and put more effort into your driving certs. People in RI drive like absolute shit, and I found out why. Look at what's needed to get your license in the State. It's laughable compared to MA.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Karen Sanderson <karen.sanderson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TAX ON BOATS

I oppose to H6256.
Do Not Tax Boats!

Thank you -
Karen

Chris O'Brien

From: John Stavrakas <stavrakas.john@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:30 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 State of Rhode Island needs to spend less to balance the budget, not tax more.

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

Sincerely,

John Stavrakas
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Dennis SaoBento <dsaobento1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:04 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} Dennis SaoBento
Warren ri

TAXING BOATS WOULD DESTROY THE BOATING INDUSTRY ,WITH THE TARIFFS AN COST OF PRODUCTION THE WORK FORCE WOULD BE CRIPPLED AS WELL AS SUPPORT NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THEM.
I THINK IT WAS GOVERNOR CHAFFE THAT HAD THIS INSTITUTOTED WHEN HE WAS IN OFFICE, IT SAVED THE INDUSTRY.
MR SAOBENTO

Chris O'Brien

From: Steven <stevenmschiavo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H2656- 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,

Steven Schiavo

Barrington, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Rusty Stevens <eggthirty3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:40 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.

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

*Sincerely,
Mark Stevens
Barrington RI 02806*

Chris O'Brien

From: Jennifer M. Saia <jennifer@denisonyachting.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:31 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Deb Pytko; Ellie McClean; Bob Denison; Ben Farnborough | DENISON; Chris Davis | DENISON; Anthony Ingerson | DENISON
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,
Jennifer M. Saia
Newport, Rhode Island



Jennifer M. Saia
CHARTER SPECIALIST

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Chris O'Brien

From: THOMSEN SAWICKY <zueben@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:29 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. I personally would sell my boat before paying taxes on it as it already has a high cost of ownership.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Sawicky

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: robert saunders <dailyscoop@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:26 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Chris O'Brien

From: Bill Santos <weldcrane@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No tax on 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 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, Bill Santos Tiverton
weldcrane@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: boris shwartzman <borismd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:17 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

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.*
Warwick

*Boris Shwartzman, M.D.
President of MASIPP
Massachusetts CAC representative*

Chris O'Brien

From: johnsimoneau <johnsimoneau@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Sincerely,

John Simoneau Sr
Warwick, RI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Shields <karich4seas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 12:50 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to H 6256

To whom it may concern,

Please vote NO on H6256.

This tax would have a substantial burden on my family as well as other boaters in RI.

We spend a substantial amount of money with Rhode Island businesses each boating season and the proposed tax would force us to relocate our boating outside of RI. This bill would have a direct effect on all of the RI businesses that prosper from the boating community.

Thank you in advance for your opposition to H6256.

Richard Shields

East Greenwich, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Tim Stasiunas <stasiunas@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:51 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Regards,

Timothy Stasiunas
Stasiunas Construction
Advanced Wastewater Technology
401.364.0300

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3880 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Sullivan <bfxs911@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. McGaw, Michelle E.
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and father of an IYRS School of Technology & Trades student, 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,
Brian Sullivan
Portsmouth, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Gordon St.John <gordon.st.john@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:46 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Boating Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. I have seen first hand how these types of taxes on the municipal level have decimated marinas in Florida.

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

I am fortunate enough to have several places where I can enjoy my boat. To the extent this bill goes through, I will certainly move my primary boating location and registration out of RI. That will mean the \$5,000 - \$6,000 I spend at my RI marina will go with me to another state.

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

Respectfully,
Gordon St.John
51 Haversham Rd
Westerly RI 02891

Chris O'Brien

From: joe_scrofani@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:45 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

I oppose this strongly
Joe scrofani
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: joe_scrofani@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:44 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: OpposeH6256

As of Rhode Island Boda strongly oppose H6256. In reinstating at tax on boats will destroy the marine industry in Rhode Island threaten local jobs and negatively impact or community.

Sincerely

Joe Scrofani

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Shealy <ershealy@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256, NO

I am a RI resident and boat owner who strongly opposes H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will price 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.

Thanks you

Chris O'Brien

From: Rick Steele <sboat11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:58 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Rick Steele
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]

Rick Steele
sboat11@gmail.com

Chris O'Brien

From: David Swain <david.m.swain@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:59 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Sincerely,
David Swain
Jamestown Your

Chris O'Brien

From: Jerry Sparks <jsparks132@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:56 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.

Not to Boat tax

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] Jerry Sparks

[Your+Town]

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Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: stearns763@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:19 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.

Sincerely,
Robert and Rebecca Stearns
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Chris O'Brien

From: LAWRENCE SILVIA <watchesetc@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:24 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,

Lawrence Silvia

Chris O'Brien

From: Christopher Seidler <cseidler@southcountyhealth.org>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:24 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Christopher Seidler

Dear house finance committee,

As a Rhode Island Boater I strongly opposed H6256.

Reinstating tax and boats will drive boaters and marine related business out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy . We are already very heavily overtaxed.

Please vote NO on H6256

Christopher W. Seidler, MD
9 Deer run
Charlestown, RI 02813

Chris O'Brien

From: joey scrofani <joecano42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:26 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 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,
Joseph Scrofani
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Keith Swaby <keith@swa.by>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:01 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Opposition to H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,
Keith Swaby
Charlestown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Joan Siegrist <joansiegrist@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:55 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,

Joan Siegrist
North Smithfield RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Nathan Shaw <nathanshaw106@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:14 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO on H6256

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's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Nathan Shaw
Prudence Island, RI

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Dave Saunders <davesaund@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats


Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,

Dave Saunders


Chris O'Brien

From: Jim Shriner <jimtshriner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:06 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. In addition, I built a marina in North Kingstown and was a boat dealer. The competitive advantage the tax exemption was significant, both in terms of the sales of boats and motors, but also in bringing out of state boaters to outlet state resulting in hundreds of thousand in incremental revenue brought to the state.

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

*Sincerely,
Jim Shriner
North Kingstown*

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Salafia <captainms@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:03 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

My company is Fit2cook4kids. I operate week-long summer camps focusing on cooking, fitness, and social skills for children 6-14 years of age. Some children live out of state, and the families return annually to RI for summer boating on Narragansett Bay.

NO SALES TAX ON BOATS IS HOW THEY DISCOVERED RHODE ISLAND.

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 recreational, professional, and manufacturing marine industry.

Karen Salvatore
Fit2cook4kids.com
Saunderstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Sequeira <richard.sequeira@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please Stop H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a RI boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy. Cut your spending, don't increase our already heavy tax burden.

Sincerely,

Richard Sequeira
South Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Schmidt <midpinesrich888@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:01 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 Please Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,

Richard Schmidt

Wickford, RI

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Richard Schmidt
910-603-7908 c

Chris O'Brien

From: Donna Smith <donnasmith02886@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:27 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 Don't tax boats.

My husband and I oppose taxes on boats. Sincerely David and Donna Smith 201 Arnold's neck drive Apponaug section of Warwick RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Donna Smith <donnasmith02886@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:22 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax on boats

No tax on boats. We strongly oppose tax on boats. Sincerely David and Donna Smith

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Chris O'Brien

From: JP Skov, CPYB <jp@northstaryachtsales.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No on H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and boat dealer, 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.

Regards,
JP Skov, CPYB

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jp@northstaryachtsales.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Aaron Scripps <scrippsfish@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:46 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 to H6256. Don't sink Rhode Islands marine industry.

Sincerely,
Aaron Scripps
South Kingstown

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Chris O'Brien

From: Tom Spooner <tspooner156@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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.

Respectfully,

Tom Spooner

North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Captain Kelly Smith <cdevil2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:56 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H62256

"Dear House Finance Committee,
As a Rhode Island boater and Charter Captain, 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 hurt small businesses in the Rhode Island's Marine industry.
Sincerely,
Capt. Kelly Smith

Captain Kelly Smith
USCG 100 Ton Master License
F/V C-Devil II
33 State Street, Dock S-S, Point Judith, RI
Office: (401)364-9774
Boat: (401)374-1439

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Chris O'Brien

From: Jennifer Sawicky <jlsawicky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:08 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.

Remember, you are supposed to represent US - the legal citizens in this state who are paying your salary and in most cases are already overtaxed in this state.

This state's spending is completely out of control. I'd like an audit of where all of my tax dollars are being spent. Explain what RI is doing to manage the waterways and where the money from a boat tax will be used as you are selectively penalizing AND disproportionately taxing people in this state.

Sincerely,

Jennifer sawicky
Jamestown

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark Sherer <shererm57@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:30 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Mark Sherer; Bill Barbour; Joe Macari; Ray Clements
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,

Captain Mark H. Sherer

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark Scott <markpscott@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:42 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,
Mark Scott
Chepachet, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Ben Steinberg <benjaminsethsteinberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:44 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 opposition

H6256 will only hurt our industry which my income is reliant on. Stop the greed, help the people, oppose boat taxation.

Ben Steinberg

Chris O'Brien

From: Melissa Sardelli <melmahr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater regarding new bill

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: Paul Simas <paul@simasconsulting.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:45 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.

Paul N Simas

paul@simasconsulting.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Liam Sullivan <liam.sullivan754@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:51 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: rep-abney@rilegislature.gi; Rep. Slater, Scott; rep-marzalikowski@rilegislature.gov; rep-donovan@rilegislature.go
Subject: Opposition to H6256

I am writing in opposition to Bill H6256 to remove the tax exempt status of boats in the state of Rhode Island. As a commercial fisherman, I am already incredibly burdened by many other taxes and fees, rising equipment, fuel, and gear prices, and stagnant fish prices. This industry is a difficult one to survive in, nevermind to thrive, and any additional taxes will make that increasingly more difficult.

Additionally, I find it inappropriate for a group of representatives to propose a tax on commercial fishermen when the vast majority of commercial fishermen live outside their constituency.

In regards to the recreational side of boating, this bill will hurt everyday Rhode Islanders. The majority of recreational boaters are not rich but rather hardworking middle and lower class people, who have scratched and saved to be able to enjoy a little boating on their days off in the summer. The father who wants to teach his kids to fish, the teenager who saved up to buy his first boat; these people will be priced out. I find it hypocritical to call ourselves the Ocean State while proposing bills that will push boating and the associated business and industry outside of our state's borders.

I hope that you will sincerely consider the ramifications of this bill. It should not pass.

Regards,
Liam Sullivan
Commercial Fisherman
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Alexandra Spets <lexiep21@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:44 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.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: William Sutton <tomanddiana@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Keep RI the sailing Capital!

HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov 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 incentive is why we bought out boats here. Don't drive us away! Keep Rhode Island the boating capital of America!!

Tom & Diana Sutton
tomanddiana@me.com
713-557-3010 (Tom)
281-630-3933 (Diana)

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Swanholm <swanholm33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:59 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will 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,
Eric Swanholm
South Kingston

Chris O'Brien

From: Eileen sequeira <eileen.sequeira@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:53 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Re: Please Stop H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a RI boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs and negatively impact our economy. Cut your spending, don't increase our already heavy tax burden.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sequeira
South Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Tsullivan@seaed.org
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 7:51 AM
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. Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Tom "Sully" Sullivan
Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Michael Solotke <mikesolotke@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 10:25 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 Solotke
Coast Guard Veteran
4 Cooke Pl
Warwick RI 02888

Chris O'Brien

From: Carl Sorrentino <cds3339@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:55 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,
Carl Sorrentino
East Providence

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Rob Slye <rslye3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:04 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 6256

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.

*Sincerely,
Robert Slye*

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Souza <Eric@CertifiedSales.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:06 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Protect RI Jobs – Vote NO on H6256 and Keep Boating Thriving

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and concerned resident, I respectfully urge you to oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats would likely discourage boating activity in our state, prompting boaters and marine-related businesses to relocate elsewhere. This shift could have serious consequences for local employment and the broader marine economy.

I ask that you vote ****NO**** on H6256 to help preserve Rhode Island's vibrant marine industry and protect the jobs and businesses it supports.

Sincerely,

Eric Souza
Certified Sales, Inc.
19 Uxbridge Rd.
Mendon, MA 01756
Phone: 508-478-0200 x233
Website: www.yachtsalvage.com

Chris O'Brien

From: Brian Stainken <brianrwmccemail@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:10 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Eric Spicer <espicer13@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:49 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

As a Rhode Island boater and someone whose livelihood depends on a strong recreational boating economy, I 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,

Eric Spicer
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Jeff Shapiro <jeff@kayakcentre.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:52 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Pending bill

Sent from my iPhone 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.
A Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
Jeff Shapiro
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Saobento <touissetmarine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:46 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]

Alex Saobento
Touisset Marine Services LLC
401-252-9853

Chris O'Brien

From: JOHN SCHMITT <jinglhymr@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:46 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

RE: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance, Committe,
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 Schmitt

Narragansett RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Steve Sullivan <stevecti@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:38 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,

Steve Sullivan
North Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Jane Sheeran <ashdalefarm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:20 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,

Jane Sheeran
North Kingstown

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Jessica Snell <jess741213@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote no on 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,

Jessica Dixon

Lincoln, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Charlie Shapiro <charlie@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:50 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,
Charlie Shapiro
Barrington

Chris O'Brien

From: Stefan Solvell <solvell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:47 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Sales tax on Boats and other Marine items

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256.

Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact life on the Narragansett Bay by making boat ownership less accessible and placing unnecessary strain on a vital sector of our economy. This proposal would drive boaters and marine businesses to neighboring states with more favorable tax policies, resulting in the loss of jobs and revenue across our coastal communities. The current exemption has helped build a thriving marine industry that benefits marinas, service providers, local yacht-clubs, and waterfront towns alike.

Please vote no on H6256 and continue to support Rhode Island's marine economy.

Best of Health,

/Stefan

Stefan Solvell

Chris O'Brien

From: Daniel Smalley <dan@envisionpop.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:44 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boaters will drive both boaters' 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,
Daniel J Smalley Sr
117 Gale Drive
Wakefield, RI
02879

Chris O'Brien

From: Ben Sorkin <ben@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:38 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 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,
Benjamin Sorkin

Bristol, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas Sykes <tsykes@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:38 AM
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.

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

Sincerely,
Thomas Sykes
Newport

Chris O'Brien

From: Lucian Sharpe <lsharpe@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:42 AM
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,

Lucian Sharpe
Newport RI

Lucian Sharpe
Mechanical Engineer
Bristol, RI 02809
C: 978-831-7442



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Chris O'Brien

From: Nicholas Scherb <nicholas@26northyachts.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:44 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Bill 6256

As a marine professional, I strongly oppose House Bill 6256 and urge the committee to reject this bill. This tax would harm the marine industry, local businesses, and our boating community.

Nicholas Scherb
561-568-2600
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Chris O'Brien

From: Becky Saper <rebeccasaper@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:42 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Tax the Rich – Pass House Bill #5473

Dear House Finance Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to pass House Bill #5473 and finally tax the wealthiest Rhode Islanders; those making over \$750,000 a year.

We're watching Medicaid, childcare, public schools, and basic services face cuts or collapse, while the top 1% continues to benefit from a system that asks the rest of us to sacrifice. This bill is a chance to do what's right and fair: ask those with the most to give a little more, so the rest of us can simply get by.

This isn't about punishing success. It's about protecting the things families need to survive and thrive. We should be investing in care, in education, in health. And we can, if we have the political will to act. House Bill #5473 gives us that chance.

Now is the time to tax the rich and reinvest in the people of Rhode Island. Please move House Bill #5473 forward and make clear that our budget reflects our values.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Saper

Portsmouth, RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

From: Tobey Smith <tobeylsmith@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:40 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,
Tobey Smith
Newport