

Chris O'Brien

From: MICHELE VOISLOW <michelevoislow@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:21 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 RI 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,

Michele Blair Voislow
Westerly, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Diego Vargas <diegovargas12387@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:36 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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Sincerely,

Diego Vargas

Cranston

Chris O'Brien

From: Annie Venditti <avenditti@fluxmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:37 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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Sincerely,
Annie Venditti
Working in Bristol and Live in Newport

Annie Venditti
Associate Director- Partnerships & Marketing
500 Wood Street
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C: +1 (401) 578-2805

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ken Viera <kenviera@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:07 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: Tara Vest <taravest274@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 6:01 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 6256

My name is Tara Vest and I am against Bill #6256!!!!

Chris O'Brien

From: Christian Vye <christianvye@uri.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:47 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

Sincerely,
Christian Vye
South Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Gerard Venable <gerardvenable@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee

Chris O'Brien

From: Nancy Veazey <nveazey@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 11:48 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.

Instead of always looking to add taxes—look for ways to cut expenses. RI is a very high tax state and people can only pay so much.

Many people move out of RI to save money. They cannot afford to keep living here. Our state is the same size as one school district in CA

And it does not make our schools any better than CA schools! Maybe a trimming there would save a LOT of money.

Thank you for working hard to save money for Rhode Islanders so we can stay in the state.

Sincerely,

Nancy Veazey
East Greenwich

Chris O'Brien

From: Jamie Verdi <jamieverdi@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 5:52 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 all Rhode Islanders by pricing us out of access to our waters, driving both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state; threatening local jobs; and negatively impacting our economy.

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

Sincerely, Brian J Verdi of North Kingstown.

Best regards,
Brian J Verdi

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Chris O'Brien

From: Gerard Venable <gerardvenable@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 4:09 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.

Gerard Venable
170 Lambier Circle
Portsmouth RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

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170 Lambie Circle
Portsmouth, RI 02871

Chris O'Brien

From: Edward Veazey <tveazeyri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:32 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]

Chris O'Brien

From: Alex Van Rensselaer <alex@vanrensselaer.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:33 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Sallie Van Rensselaer
Subject: Say NO to the Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,
Alex & Sallie Van Rensselaer
Little Compton

Chris O'Brien

From: Ed Votoloto <evoto57@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:08 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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Chris O'Brien

From: pwvogt154@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:27 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.

Thank you for all your efforts that you do for the State.

Sincerely,

Peter Vogt
Charlestown, Rhode Island

Chris O'Brien

From: kurtvoss@historicboats.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:39 AM
To: House Finance Committee; Rep. Shanley, Evan P.
Subject: House Bill 6256

Subject: Oppose H6256 and Protect Rhode Island's Marine Economy

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and constituent, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 6256. Reinstating a sales tax on boats and related services would significantly impact everyday Rhode Islanders 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 clubs, and waterfront towns alike.

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

Sincerely,

Kurt Voss

118 Valentine Circle
Warwick, Rhode Island 02886
(409) 789-1315

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Viggiano <Rick@protechmarine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:11 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Bill H6256

This bill is very shortsighted, and I oppose it just like the failed luxury tax bill which decimated the marine industry!

I would encourage you to vote NO on this bill!

Richard Viggiano
Tiverton, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: n722sa <n722sa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:36 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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Respectfully,
Gary Verrill
35 Arnolds Neck Drive
Warwick, RI 02886

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: n722sa <n722sa@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:30 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.

Boating of every type is core to Rhode Island's identity & our many Marine Businesses are vital to our economy. It's what makes RI as unique as we are, and we are unique, there's no place else like RI.
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Gary Verrill
35 Arnolds Neck Drive
Warwick, RI 02886

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: begobego@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:56 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: NO TO BOAT TAX !

Dear RI House Finance Committee ,

I strongly oppose H6256 as a RI Boater .

If you reinstate this tax on boats it will drive boaters and marine related businesses out of RI. This will take away local jobs and have a negative impact on the state's economy .

We urge you to vote NO on H6256 . Please don't hurt Rhode Island's marine industry and economy !

Sincerely ,

William R. Ventura

Diane M. Ventura

7 Williams Avenue
Westerly, RI 02891

Chris O'Brien

From: DAVID VANNIER <mycin@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:54 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,
Cindy Lynn Vannier
83 Crest Rd
Tiverton, RI 02878*

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Chris O'Brien

From: DAVID VANNIER <mycin@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 7:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
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*Please vote **NO on H6256**. Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.*

*Sincerely,
David E Vannier
83 Crest Rd
Tiverton, RI 02878*

Chris O'Brien

From: Barbara Vietor <bvietor@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:54 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

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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 and our important marine industry. This tax 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. Rhode Island enjoys a robust boating culture and a thriving marine industry that in part is related to our current favorable tax status on boats .

Furthermore, with tariffs now imposed on the purchase of new boats from Europe where most new boats are built, an additional tax like H6256 will negatively impact the sale of new boats and make them unaffordable for Rhode Islanders, further jeopardizing our boating economy and related jobs.

Please vote **NO** on **H6256**. Don't sink the Rhode Island's important marine industry and negatively impact our state's boating economy, our robust boating culture, and related marine jobs.

Sincerely,

Barbara Vietor
Newport, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Caroline Varteresian <carolinevarteresian@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:14 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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Sincerely,
Caroline Varteresian
Middletown Rhode Island

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Chris O'Brien

From: Bill Vanora <wvanora@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:49 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

"Dear House Finance Committee:

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

Very truly yours
William Vanora

Tiverton, R.I.

Chris O'Brien

From: David Vales <dave.eastbaymarine@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:47 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: IMPORTANT

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,

Dave Vales

Warren, RI

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Abney

HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Chairman, House Finance Committee

Rhode Island State House – Room 35

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

OPPOSE H 5473

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee,

I am writing today express my strong opposition to H 5473, which seeks to increase personal income tax rates. Higher taxes will hurt everyone – from small businesses to the non-profits that rely on philanthropy to the single mother who can't find a well-paying job.

The proposed increase in H 5473 is aimed directly at small “mom and pop” businesses that pay taxes as a pass-through entity. Higher taxes will only serve to burden successful small businesses, making it harder to create jobs and contribute to the local economy.

Furthermore, increasing taxes will make Rhode Island less competitive compared to other states. Businesses are constantly evaluating their options when it comes to location, and higher taxes can be a significant factor in their decision-making process. If Rhode Island becomes less tax-friendly, businesses may choose to locate or relocate to states with more favorable tax policies, taking jobs and revenue with them.

In order to promote economic growth and prosperity in Rhode Island, it is crucial that

we maintain a business-friendly environment. I urge you to oppose H 5473 and work towards policies that businesses and encourage investment in our state.

Sincerely,

Joshua Varone