

Chris O'Brien

From: Dallas Willcutt <dallaswillcutt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:23 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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,

Dallas Willcutt
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Paxton White <paxtonlwhite@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:33 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat sales tax

I strongly oppose getting rid of the tax exempt on boat sales tax. Rhode Island is a strong boater state. There is huge benefits to this sales tax exemption for the residence and property owners in the state. Please do not change this law. Thank you, Paxton White. Little Compton, Rhode Island.
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Rob Wood <robwelectric@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:35 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256 bill

To whom it may concern. I strongly oppose this bill as it will negatively impact the boating business in RI
Robert Wood
Tiverton RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Wilbur <petewilbur49@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Peter Wilbur
Subject: Support Marine Industry-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,

Peter B. Wilbur
Exeter

Chris O'Brien

From: Lori Wood <lori.a.wood@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Bill H6256

I strongly oppose this bill, it will negatively affect the boating industry. Please vote against it.

Thank you

Lori Wood

Tiverton, ri

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Williams <andrew@3DMEASURE.COM>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:16 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

House Finance

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.

I both work in the marine area bring income into the state and am a small boat owner.

Andrew Williams
Marine Measurements of Newport LLC.
andrew@3dmeasure.com
401 848 4575 office
401 639 5333 cell

Chris O'Brien

From: Josh Walbridge <josh.walbridge1956@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:03 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, [Josh Walbridge] [Warwick RI]

Chris O'Brien

From: RICHARD WARBURTON <richardwarburton@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 4:47 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

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*Sincerely,
Richard Warburton
Warwick, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Sharon Wilbur <swilbur51@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 5:13 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,

Sharon Wilbur -Exeter

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Peter Worcester <peterwor@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 5:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat Tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Sincerely,
Peter Worcester
Little Compton.

Peter Worcester
peterwor@mac.com
203-873-9539

Chris O'Brien

From: Cassie Whitney <cassiethielker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:44 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,

Cassandra Whitney, North Smithfield, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Kurt Wilcox <kurtwilcox11@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:15 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,
Kurt Wilcox Jr
West Greenwich RI
Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: James Waterman III <jimmyw113@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,
James A Waterman III

Chris O'Brien

From: Cap Willey <capwilley@morsebro.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:35 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill H6256
Attachments: Testimony on H6256 Taxation of Boats 2025_000055.pdf

Can you add this to the testimony on the taxation of boats for last night

Cap Willey

Chris O'Brien

From: Jil Westcott <jil.westcott@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:17 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. We already pay substantial fees to simply moor our boats in the harbors.

Bristol provides many jobs in the marine industry and our local economy will be especially affected. Please remember the "luxury tax" imposed by the federal government many years ago. After driving a number of boat builders permanently out-of-business, the damage was finally understood and the tax repealed. With our uncertain economy, a recession could come this year increasing the negative effects.

The current lack-of-tax gives our state a competitive advantage. Please don't lose it.

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

Sincerely,

Jil Westcott
Bristol, RI

Sent from my iPad

Chris O'Brien

From: Joan Wright <joanw8460@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 5:25 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,

[Your Name]
[Your Town]

Chris O'Brien

From: Will Welles <willwelles@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 7:17 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,
William Welles
Portsmouth RI*

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Nathan Webster <webstermarineservices@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:21 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater and marine business 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.

Webster Marine Services

47 Gooding Ave

Bristol RI

Nathan Webster Cell Phone: 401-339-5992

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Chris O'Brien

From: Ila West <ila.w3st@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 3:40 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote NO

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,

~ Ila

Chris O'Brien

From: Bernard Wharton <bernardwharton83@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:45 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: Fred Wilkins <fcwilkins53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:31 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Sales and Property Boat Tax

To House Finance Committee,

I want to voice my opposition to the proposed tax on the sale of boats and a yearly property tax.

Thank you,

Frederick Wilkins

Member Bristol Yacht Club.

Chris O'Brien

From: Deborah Watt <deborahwatt102@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:30 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Proposed Boat Taxes

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 and Deborah Watt
Bristol, RI

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Chris O'Brien

From: Deborah Watt <deborahwatt102@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:29 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No Property Taxes on Boats

Please take this email as our vote AGAINST property taxes on boats in RI.

Sincerely,
Debbie and Dave Watt
4 W Harbor Rd
Bristol, RI 02809

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Chris O'Brien

From: Percy West <percywst@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:32 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee

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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,

Percy West
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Cap Willey <capwilley@morsebro.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:34 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Jason Martiesian
Subject: Testimony on H5473
Attachments: Testimony on H5473 Personal Income Tax 2025_000054.pdf

Attached is my testimony on H5473. It may be too late to pout into the members package. I will be brining 20 paper copies with me tonight
Cap Willey

Chris O'Brien

From: Clint Wynne <clint@clintwynne.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:53 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

781.267.9147Dear+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,
Clint Wynne, Jr., CPP
Coventry, RI
(401) 640-5423
ClintWynne.com

Chris O'Brien

From: tfwickner@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:40 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,
Todd Wickner
Narragansett

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Simon Wilson <simonawilson@mail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:23 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.

Speak Soon Simon

Currently UTC -5
+1 (401) 365-0928

Chris O'Brien

From: Scot West <swest@ronstan.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 2:07 PM
To: Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Rep. McGaw, Michelle E.
Cc: House Finance Committee
Subject: Please reject H6256

Dear Terri and Michelle,

As a Rhode Island boater as well as marine industry employee (and employer!), 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'm actually kind of shocked it is even being proposed.

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

If I can provide any specific support or commentary to help strengthen your position to vote no, please let me know how I can help.

Scot West

Managing Director | Ronstan International & Wichard Groupe North America

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Chris O'Brien

From: dwaddington32@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:27 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose+H6256+-+Don't+Tax+Boats

Dear+House+Finance+Committee

As+a+Rhode+Island+boater,+I+strongly+oppose+H6256.

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

Sincerely,

Debra Waddington
Coventry, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: don <searover2016@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:24 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,

RoseMarie Wignall

Cranston RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Darren Walters <darren.walters@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:20 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Vote NO

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, Darren Walters

Sent from Gmail Mobile

Chris O'Brien

From: Connor Wallace <captainconnor@hyperionmaritime.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:18 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,
Connor Wallace
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Martin Winzer <mwinzer33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:18 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: No to 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.

Thank you in advance,

Martin Winzer
617-901-3220

Chris O'Brien

From: Susan Whipple <swhipple@cedarsliving.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:11 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,
Susan K. Whipple
Coventry

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Chris O'Brien

From: Jane Weidman <janeeweidman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:07 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Roberta Groch; Jillian Finkle
Subject: H 5477 Letter of Support from APA-RI
Attachments: Main St Pilot Program RIAPA Letter of Support.png

Dear Christopher O'Brien

Please find attached a letter of support from the RI Chapter of the American Planning Assoc for the joint resolution to fund the statewide Main Street program being heard by your committee this afternoon.

Thank you

Jane Weidman

RIAPA Legislative Committee

Chris O'Brien

From: Donald Wignall Sr. <donsr@lwri.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 1:23 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,

Donald Wignall

1952 Broad Street
Cranston, RI 02905

Chris O'Brien

From: jawess@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 12:39 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: jawess@cox.net
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,
Jacqueline Wesson
East Greenwich*

Chris O'Brien

From: Paul White <pwhite281964@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:58 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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, Paul White, Cranston

Chris O'Brien

From: Wilbur, Peter B <pwilbur@rwu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:57 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.

Peter Wilbur
Exeter

Chris O'Brien

From: Kimberly White <kimberly.white@providenceschools.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:55 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: 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, t...

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Chris O'Brien

From: Bill Waterson <wjwaterson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:08 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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

Best,

Bill

Cell/Text 401-601-8830

Chris O'Brien

From: Lane West <lanewst@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 11:14 AM
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,

Lane West
South Kingstown

Chris O'Brien

From: Joseph Walsh <jwalsh@ibew99.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Rep. Abney, Marvin L.; House Finance Committee
Cc: Rep. Slater, Scott; Rep. Marszalkowski, Alex; Rep. Alzate, Karen; Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.; Rep. Biah, Nathan W.; Rep. Cortvriend, Terri-Denise; Rep. Diaz, Grace; Rep. Edwards, John G.; Rep. Finkelman, Alex S.; Rep. Hull, Raymond A.; Rep. Nardone, George A.; Rep. O'Brien, William W.; Rep. Roberts, Sherry; Rep. Tanzi, Teresa A.
Subject: Support of H-6097
Attachments: support H6097.pdf

Good Morning Christopher,

Please see the attached. I have emailed the committee members also.

Thx

Joe

Joseph L. Walsh Jr. / Business Manager
IBEW LU 99
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Cranston, RI 02921
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Chris O'Brien

From: David Wesner <david@monarchmoorings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:07 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,

David Wesner, Little Compton

David Wesner
Monarch Moorings, Inc
david@monarchmoorings.com
401-855-0889

<https://monarchmoorings.com>

Chris O'Brien

From: Katie.welles@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House bill 6256 / Boat tax

Please say No to the proposal to eliminate the tax breaks to the marine industry in Rhode Island. The marine industry is extremely important to not just the economy but to the culture of our small state. The marine industry is par of our identity. We are the ocean state and sailing capital of America and quite possibly the world! Sailing is a shrinking sport and activity. The sport does not need more hurdles to impact its popularity. We need to keep Rhode Island the favorite spot for sailing and boating!

Please vote down this bill!

Thank you,

Katie Welles

Portsmouth, RI

Sailor, boater, and wife of a marine industry worker

Chris O'Brien

From: Joseph Walsh <jwalsh@ibew99.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:10 AM
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Chris O'Brien

From: David Wesner <david@monarchmoorings.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:07 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Sincerely,

David Wesner, Little Compton

David Wesner
Monarch Moorings, Inc
david@monarchmoorings.com
401-855-0889

<https://monarchmoorings.com>

Chris O'Brien

From: Katie.welles@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:45 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House bill 6256 / Boat tax

Please say No to the proposal to eliminate the tax breaks to the marine industry in Rhode Island. The marine industry is extremely important to not just the economy but to the culture of our small state. The marine industry is par of our identity. We are the ocean state and sailing capital of America and quite possibly the world! Sailing is a shrinking sport and activity. The sport does not need more hurdles to impact its popularity. We need to keep Rhode Island the favorite spot for sailing and boating!

Please vote down this bill!

Thank you,
Katie Welles
Portsmouth, RI
Sailor, boater, and wife of a marine industry worker

Chris O'Brien

From: Rick Wood <rwood_dvm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:52 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.

Thank you and please oppose this bill!

Rick Wood
North Kingstown, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Mark Wichern <mjwicher@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:37 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Boat tax

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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

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

Respectfully,

**Mark & Julie Wichern
6 Mary Jane Lane
Newport, RI 02840**

Chris O'Brien

From: Simon Wilson <simon@ppmyachts.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:26 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,

Kind Regards Simon Wilson
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Chris O'Brien

From: JAY weissman <jayweissmanassoc@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

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

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

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

Sincerely, Jay Weissman, Westerly Rhode Island

Sent from Outlook

Chris O'Brien

From: JODY WHITTINGTON <joadell@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose Bill H6256. Reinstating a boat tax will negatively impact all boaters and their families. My husband and I raised our children on the Sakonnet River for the last 19 years. We have created countless memories on the water. Please don't penalize the boating community by imposing additional taxes on us.

Please vote NO!

Sincerely,

Jody Whittington
Portsmouth

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[Yahoo Mail: Search, Organize, Conquer](#)

Chris O'Brien

From: Tim Wordell <timw44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:18 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,
CAPT. TIM WORDELL
NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND

Chris O'Brien

From: Evans White <ew@cmhllc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:21 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,
As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.
Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs, and negatively impact our economy.
Please vote NO on H6256. Don't sink Rhode Island's Marine industry.

Sincerely

Evans White

Chris O'Brien

From: Bob Wilson <bobw2654@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:41 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Strongly Oppose H6256

Subject: *Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats*

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

Sincerely,

Bob Wilson

Portsmouth

Sent from my handheld. Please excuse typos.

Chris O'Brien

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

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

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,
Brennan and Melissa Warble
Westerly, RI

Chris O'Brien

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

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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,
Brennan and Melissa Warble
Westerly, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Nathan Wallace <thelunchboxri@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:38 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Sent from my iPhone

Chris O'Brien

From: Mervyn Woolf <mwoolf9012@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats!

Sent from my iPhone

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.

Sincerely

Dr. Mervyn Woolf MD

Portsmouth RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Thomas Warren <tnwbeach@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:25 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Cc: Thomas Warren
Subject: OPPOSE H6256

Subject: *Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats*

Dear House Finance Committee,

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

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

*Sincerely,
Thomas N. Warren
Narragansett, RI 02882*

Chris O'Brien

From: David Wehr <dwehr@nichenet.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:18 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,
David Wehr
East Greenwich, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Andrew Wessner <awessner1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:53 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 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 Wessner
Barrington RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Dawn Wood <beachjunky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:51 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 boaters. fishing related 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 fishing industry.

Sincerely,
Dawn Filliatreault Wood
North Smithfield

Chris O'Brien

From: Randy Wilson <rauljuliandetela@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

We are blessed to have the best natural harbor on the East Coast. Ideal for boating. Many of my boat neighbors hail from out-of-state (MA, CT and NH). Any sales tax, use tax or property tax would only serve to decimate the marinas and vendors that are financially dependent on boat owners such as myself. H6256 is ill-conceived and will prove to be self-defeating if enacted.

Sincerely,

Raul Julian deTela

East Greenwich

Chris O'Brien

From: Corrigan, William <w.corrigan@northeastern.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:48 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

I am against this bill - H6256

Chris O'Brien

From: jasontwalsh@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 3:00 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill 6256
Attachments: RI House Bill.pdf

Please see my attached letter regarding the proposed amendment of House Bill 6256 under consideration.

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will hurt Rhode Island businesses and employees. I have maintained two boats in Rhode Island, the first was purchased out of state and I then moved it to Rhode Island and for the second I engaged a RI broker and purchased a boat that I relocated to Rhode Island. As a result, I have consistently chosen to keep these boats in the State's harbors and boatyards. I have had all work on the boats done by RI marine trades, purchased equipment and gear in state whenever possible. Although I have for school and work been a resident of four other states since I grew up in RI, over the years I have supported grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses as I have chosen to spend much of my recreational spending in Rhode Island.

The incremental tax revenue from the proposed change to H6256 is well outweighed by the significant economic impact that is influenced by the strength of the state's marine industry. Rhode Island is a center of excellence for the marine trades – this brings revenue into the state for a wide array of businesses, including hospitality and tourism, restaurants, fishing and maritime trade, and the retail sector.

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

Sincerely,

Jason Walsh
Watertown, MA

Chris O'Brien

From: Chip Wilkerson <chipwilkerson4@gmail.com>
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,
Oscar Wilkerson
Barrington RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Nate Williams <nwilliams@quantumsails.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:11 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island small business owner in the marine trades, 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. My growing family and the families of those I employ will all be negatively impacted.

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

Sincerely,

Nathan Williams
Bristol, RI

Chris O'Brien

From: Richard Waterhouse <Rich.Waterhouse@sharecare.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 6:38 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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

Chris O'Brien

From: Julie Wixted <juleswix@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:29 AM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Concerned Rhode Island Boater

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

Chris O'Brien

From: Sarah Waters <sarahwlopes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:18 AM
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,
Sarah Waters
Portsmouth, RI*

Chris O'Brien

From: Tim Wordell <timw44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:18 AM
To: House Finance Committee
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Please vote NO on H6256.

Don't sink Rhode Island's marine industry.

Sincerely,
CAPT. TIM WORDELL
NEWPORT RHODE ISLAND