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**From:** Lawrence Gotch <brendang@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 3:23 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.  
You see what Trump's tariffs (Taxes) are doing. Don't let it happen here.*

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

*Sincerely,  
Lawrence E. Gotch  
Newport*