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**From:** Mark Amaral <MAmaral@lighthousecg.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 8:30 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.

I am both a boater in Rhode Island and the Executive Director of the Association of Marina Industries based in Warren, RI. There was and continues to be clear evidence that 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,

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