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From: Mark Kelley <mckelley@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 1:13 PM
To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 – Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

Over the past 11 years, I have purchased four sailboats in the State of Rhode Island, and enjoyed sailing them in Narragansett Bay. Since I live in NH, that meant I dined in a number of your local restaurants and shopped in a number of your retail stores. One of the boats was too small to sleep on, so that meant we also stayed in RI hotels two seasons.

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 C. Kelley
Randolph, NH, but Rhode Island boater.*