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**From:** Benoit Gauthier <2benoitgauthier@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Please reject H6256

Dear Legislators,

Please recognize the exemption provision for boats has resulted in significant middle class job creation in our state. Out of state firms have relocated to build their workforces here as a result. Please consider the payroll tax revenue from manufacturing, systems installation and maintenance in comparison to the sales tax revenue. The clients for the larger transactions can take delivery elsewhere. H6256 would disassemble our local marine ecosystem.

Respectfully,  
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