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From: Michael Salafia <captainms@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House Bill H6256

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island marine industry professional, I strongly oppose H6256.

Some of our clients live out of state and return to Narragansett Bay every summer as tourists. No sales tax on boats is what first brought them to RI over CT or MA.

It is imperative that the legislature understand where the tourism money comes from. There is a disconnect between the international profit-producing economies of Newport and South County, and the State House.

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,
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