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From: Peter von Maffei <pvm@seatrekenterprises.com>
Sent: Monday, May 5, 2025 2:37 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. There must be a better source of tax revenue other than attack an industry that is key to the soul of what it means to be a Rhode Islander. Remember, we are called the "Ocean State" for a reason. Having just purchased a boat this season, the tax benefit savings allowed me to support local businesses surrounding the boat industry (retailers, restaurants, hospitality, etc.). Should a tax be imposed, many Rhode Island boaters will be in a position to strongly consider selling their boats as the industry is already very expensive to play in.

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

Sincerely,

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