

Dear House Finance Committee

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Reinstating a tax on boats will financially 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.

This is akin to the "tolls on trucks," that did not farewell for Rhode Island. Rhode Island can't even fix the Washington bridge. The main thoroughfare through this state.

Let's put small businesses out of business and the few manufacturers of boats out of business. That's what this bill will do. I know because I fought, with many other colleagues, the Chaffee administration from 2010 to 2013 on the same ignorant regressive tax tat he wanted to impose. If you don't learn from history you'll repeat it.

You're trying to repeat what put many boat manufacturers in Rhode Island out of business.

Anyone ever hear of Pearson yachts? Yeah they they're out of business. Anybody here know of Shannon Yachts, yeah they're out of business. The list goes on, the ones that survived left Rhode Island for the Carolinas. The ones that didn't leave this tax the rich mentality (Trump Tax Tariffs) will destroy that's the facts.

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