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From: Audino, Robert L <Bob.Audino@gd-ms.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:38 AM
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 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. I spend over \$22,000 a year in boating expenses (my home port marina and multiple mechanics) not to mention overnight docking at transient marinas and restaurants. If any of these taxes were to occur, I would seriously consider moving my boat to Massachusetts closer to where I live. I decided on Rhode Island due to the absence of sales and excise taxes.

Sincerely,
Robert Audino
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