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**From:** Russell Mills <servicewriter@oceanhousemarina.com>  
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**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** Oppose H6256

To Whom it may concern:

We strongly oppose the H6256 taxation!

I have been employed for the last 5 years by Ocean House Marina in Charlestown, RI. We also live year round in Charlestown and most importantly are avid boaters right here in Charlestown, RI.

Since Covid we have first hand witnessed the cost associated with purchasing, maintaining and owning a boat has skyrocketed. As a business, our owner's have absorbed a large portion of the increased costs (As long as they can) in order not to "punish" our customer's and keep boating affordable. Also, ensuring they keep 30 dedicated employees busy year round.

On a personal level, we own a small boat and both my wife & I work full time (in South County) in order to enjoy our free time on our boat with family.

Boating is an incredibly expensive hobby and even though we only have a small boat. We often question of late whether (or not) if we can still afford to own it. The taxes will threaten my employer, my employment and our enjoyment of being out on the water.

We Strongly oppose the H6256.

*Sincerely,*

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