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**From:** SHERRY KOURTESIS <jsssk@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 7:16 PM  
**To:** House Finance Committee  
**Subject:** H6256

Dear house finance committee, I strongly oppose H6256. Reinstating a tax on boats will drive many businesses out of RI , threaten local jobs , and negativity impact our economy. As a 30 year RI commercial fisherman and business owner we work on small margins in a very regulated dangerous business. Me and many of my peers employ many hard working young men without college degrees and any more burden on us could be the deciding factor to get out and leave many men without jobs . Please vote NO on H6256.

Sincerely, Jon Kourtesis

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