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From: Stephen Read <stephenaread@comcast.net>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Sales Tax on RI Boating

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. I have purchased and maintained 3 different boats over the past 25 years in RI waters due in part to this exemption.

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

Thanks, Steve

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