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From: Steve Perry <steveperry99@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Oppose H6256 - Don't Tax Boats

Dear House Finance Committee,

As a Rhode Island boater, I strongly oppose H6256.

Not charging a sales tax on boats has developed and grown the RI marine trades and has supported employing tens of thousands of jobs.

Reinstating a tax on boats will negatively impact the marine industry; boat builders, marinas, service yards, etc. This will cost many jobs in RI as we will lose our competitive advantage and these jobs will move elsewhere.

RI will then lose the revenue from taxes collected from the service industry and income tax from workers that would relocate out of state.

Please vote NO on H6256.

Regards,
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