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**From:** William Gammell <william@grandprixresources.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 5, 2025 11:32 AM  
**To:** House Finance Committee; Rep. Shekarchi, K Joseph  
**Subject:** Opposition to H6256

To Whom it may Concern at the House Finance Committee,  
& Speaker Shekarchi,

As a lifelong Rhode Islander, Rhode Island boat owner, and Rhode Island maritime business owner, I strongly oppose H6256, and I ask you to consider the substantial negative impacts on our thriving maritime economy which this bill would result in.

Reinstating a tax on boats will drive both boaters and marine-related businesses out of state, threaten local jobs, and negatively impact our economy. It will not only impact those business who directly service the vessel owners but the ancillary and tertiary businesses as well. Machinist, painters, suppliers, delivery drivers, lawyers, accountants, book keepers, all will lose out on tens of millions in revenue.

There is a thriving an real economy here that has been built over decades of graft and the pursuit of excellence in ones craftsmanship. This bill will damage many small businesses, and their owners and employees lives, while allowing the primes (Safe Harbor and Hinckley) to more completely dominate the industry which they have a strangle hold and virtual monopoly in.

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

Sincerely,  
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