

February 12, 2019

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3700  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: Proposed Bill No. 5497, An Act Exempting Boat Moorings and Winter Boat Storage from the Dues Tax**

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to request your support for proposed HB 5497.

While it is understandable that not-for-profit club members must pay the 10% Dues tax on dues, it is grossly unfair to have to pay it on boat storage and moorings.

The same storage and moorings services purchased from for-profit marinas are not subject to this 10% tax. Depending upon the time of year, not-for-profit club members pay as much as 16.35% in combined Dues and Sales and Use taxes. This unfair treatment is contributing to yacht and boat clubs losing members and leaving boating.

I hope I can count on your support of HB 5497.

Respectfully,