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To whom it may concern,

I oppose bill. H8183 - legislation to increase the tax on short term rentals by an additional 5%. First..the majority of my summer weekly rental folks are hard working Rhode Island families who want to make memories at our state beaches with their extended families. This is just another expense that keeps vacation experiences out of reach. If they can afford to rent a beach house and have to pay more taxes, this just limits the amount of money they spend in the local businesses.

Also, I strongly believe that the work of the House Study Commission on Short Term Rentals should conclude its important work before any meaningful legislation is enacted. That study commission has been extended through the end of 2025. At this time there are multiple bills to increase the taxes short term rental owners pay, with no clear consensus on where that additional tax revenue would be directed. Until we have greater clarity on this important point, it is simply too soon to pass an additional tax.

Regards,
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Sent from my iPhone, so please excuse any spelling or grammatical errors!