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Subject: I OPPOSE H8183

We feel that we as owners of STRentals are being labeled as a nuisance to Rhode Island. As we rent out our houses, cottages etc. we are first paying the fair amount of tax on the rental already. We also bring in renters from all over the world that go to our restaurants, stores, boat excursions etc. and that they contribute to the much needed economy here.

Like any other group there are excellent owners and there are owners that do not run their rentals by the town laws.

We feel that the abusers of the town bylaws should be held accountable for their lack of control with their renters. In Middletown there are probably 5-10 houses such as mentioned above. Why should the rest of us, being very responsible owners, be penalized for the handful of terrible landlords?

You should not pass H8183. It will burden the people that want to come here and vacation and it will be a huge loss to Rhode Island to lose these people that come and enjoy our beautiful state and contribute to our economy!

Sincerely,

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