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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: I OPPOSE H8183

My sincere thanks for your attention to this impactful legislative proposal.

I echo the voice of the masses that oppose H8183 as it pertains to taxation increases on short term rentals throughout the fair state of Rhode Island.

Have no misgivings as it pertains to increases in the vacation expenses--this will impact the overall volume of instate and out-of-state vacationers from Providence to Newport and every hamlet in between. We are in a battle against every coastal town on the eastern seaboard--should MA, CT, NJ, MD, ME or beyond find ways to reduce the net lodging costs, these potential consumers will choose our competition and spend multiples more in TAXABLE FUNDS at their restaurants, shops and spectacles. This is a volume game...get more people, generate more taxes (via all consumables and services)---do not let a short-sighted strategy impact greater net value.

Sincerely,
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