

To: Chairman Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

CC: Senator Lou Raptakis and Representative Sherry Roberts

Subject: House Bill No. 5185 – Prohibition of unfair service agreements (**I support passage of this bill**)

Dear Chairman Craven and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I respectfully urge you to please support the passage of House bill no. 5185.

This law will prevent RI homeowners from being taken advantage of by unscrupulous people offering relatively small amounts of cash, in exchange for the exclusive listing agreement rights of their home for a lengthy set period of time – sometimes as long as 40 years.

Please note that 30 states have passed similar legislation over the past two years.

Thank you.

Jeff Black