

I strongly support bill H7382. This bill reduces the current limits on renting and provides badly needed housing for URI students as has been done for decades.

I have been a Narragansett property owner and resident for over 25 years. We bought a couple of homes 25 years ago to be able to help fund our retirement. We have always rented them to URI students and never had any problems. We always have had respectful students living in the homes and causing no issues.

URI does not offer enough housing for the students they accept therefore, the students have no choice but to move into the community. URI is a huge asset to our community and supports many of our local restaurants, gyms, grocery stores, etc.

Putting a restriction on how many students can live in a home feels against the constitutional rights of homeowners. We now can only rent to three students in our five bedroom homes and are losing thousands and thousands of dollars a year. As well all expenses have gone up as we all know. You are not only hurting the students who now have nowhere to live you are hurting the long-term Narragansett residents who are trying to make an honest living.

I emplor you to please support this bill which would overturn this ordinance allowing only 3 students per house.

Thank you for your consideration.

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