

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 purchased my home 20 years ago and the only way I could have ever afforded it was to rent out to URI students during the school year. This is not a new phenomenon and anyone who has purchased a home in the last 50+ years in Narragansett has done so knowing that there is a sizable college rental market. I have never had any major issues as I am actively involved with monitoring and communicating to my tenants. The town should not be able to dictate how I use my property. This is a violation of my rights as a property owner and there should be protections for us homeowners. Where will this invasion of property rights stop? How would you feel if your town suddenly added a restrictive ordinance on your home so you could not afford to own it?

In addition to the town of Narragansett losing approximately 1500 bedrooms during a housing crisis, it has forced rental rates to rise unnecessarily and housing prices to dramatically increase preventing families from moving into the town. Lastly business are being impacted and many have shut down permanently due in part to the current ordinance.

Please support House Bill H7382

Thank you,
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