

Dear House Committee Membership:

My wife and I have owned our 2nd home on Pilgrim Ave. in Narragansett for 20 years. My son graduated from URI in 2018 and we rented rooms to his friends when he lived at the home while attending the university. Although we no longer rent to students, I strongly support bill H7382. We have hands on experience witnessing students having difficulty finding housing because of the campus limitations at URI. We also have friends that depend on winter income to maintain their homes. This bill reduces the current locally mandated limits on renting and will allow for badly needed housing for URI students as has been done for many years.

We currently spend our summers in Narragansett and feel that the student population has helped provide a workforce for the area restaurants and local businesses. This student culture has been built into this community for many decades helping to make this area a fantastic place to visit year round.

This bill will help to rein in the loud vocal minority NIMBY contingent and prevent them from continuing to force changes on our town when the vast majority appreciate the diversity and benefits that younger generation brings to our community.

Respectfully,

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