

Hello Representatives,

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.

Ultimately, I've owned a property in Eastward Look for over 15 years now and have consistently rented to college students. To restrict my ability to continue to do so is just unjust.

This ordinance is incredibly **short-sighted** and does not address the problem. Instead, it creates a new one. Ultimately, limiting the rentals to 3 students per house will simply spread out student rentals to more homes. It's simple math, neighborhoods that previously did not have student rentals now will.

Additionally, if a student is unruly, it does NOT matter if there are 2 students or 6 living in a house. He or she will still cause problems....unless there are strong enough deterrents in place. Therefore, we need to focus our attention on enforcement. The best way to reduce unlawful activity is to ultimately create stricter rules to deter the students in the first place. This should be increased fines and policies allowing landlords to evict students if warranted. Parents of these students should be bound to these rules and held accountable for the actions of their children as well. As a landlord, I have zero tolerance and do not want unruly tenants. Therefore, collectively the landlords and residential community have the exact same goals.

Minimizing the number of people per house is not the answer. Therefore, I ask you to vote down this short-sighted and unjust ordinance.

Respectfully,

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