

Dear Representatives and legislators,

I'm writing to let you know that 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.

As a URI alumnus, I feel that Narragansett has provided essential housing for URI students who contribute significantly to the community at large.

I received my doctorate from the University of Rhode Island in 1992. My family has owned property in Narragansett since prior to my birth in 1963.

Although my permanent residence is now Massachusetts, I frequent Narragansett and I have property at 10 Melville Lane in Narragansett. I bought this property, knowing that I would be renting it until it is time for me to retire.

The residents who are trying to destroy the housing market in Narragansett, have their own agenda that does not have the interest of Narragansett in their heart. They want to control the rights of others.

If unrelated renters are creating such a hazard in Narragansett, an easy solution would be to install cameras, monitoring can be done, and those who violate rules can be penalized.

The people who want to eliminate renting in Narragansett, have not thought of problem-solving solutions, such as camera monitoring, because their agenda is not to stop out of control students, their agenda is to control the community at large.

My youngest son will be applying to the university of Rhode Island as a baseball player for the class of 2029 and I would like to think that he could find housing there should he decide to go there.

The house that I currently own at 10 Melville Lane, is a house that I can pay for because I rent it. I always have property managers available at any time for the renters and I have had no issues since 2005 when I purchased the property.

If I'm not allowed to rent it as I have been, I don't know how I would pay the mortgage, which seems to be a violation of my rights.

Please consider my thoughts in your decision-making. I know that you will make the best decision for the community at large.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Catherine Mora Roberts, PhD.