

To Whom It May Concern

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 two sons who graduated from URI in the past few years; one is still attending URI. URI is a campus that only has room for a few students to live on campus, and after sophomore year, they need to find housing off campus. Renting in the Narragansett area had a significant impact on their lives. They built strong friendships through the years and left with great experiences. This was made possible because there were no state limitations to the number of people who could rent a house, making the rental process affordable. Unfortunately for my youngest, he has not had the best of experiences. The ordinances that limit the number of people who can rent a house have made it difficult for him and his friends to find affordable housing or a house at all. Placing these strict guidelines on the number of people who can rent a home is having a negative impact on the college community. Narragansett is a beautiful place to live and visit. However, driving these restrictions will hurt not only the students attending URI but also the homeowners relying on the rental for survival.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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