

Hello, My name is Lexie Hetu. I am from Westerly, RI, but am currently living in Narragansett as an undergraduate college student. I am in support of House Bill H7382, which will reduce the current limits on renting in cities and towns across the state and will have a positive effect on the housing crisis in Rhode Island. It will also provide badly needed housing for URI students. Having an ordinance that limits houses in the area to 3 unrelated persons is detrimental in a college town. There is not enough housing here to have this in effect while ensuring an affordable living situation for all college students. Limiting the number of people in a house is causing rents to rise. This is barely affordable to myself and completely unaffordable for some. Personally, I have been impacted by this ordinance by not being allowed to live with my 3 best friends. We all have clean rental history and are good students, but have not been allowed to rent a 4 bedroom house together. This ordinance must be overruled, it is not sustainable for this area.

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