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I strongly support bill H7382. This bill corrects the current limits being placed on landlords regarding renting and provides badly needed housing for URI students as has been done for decades. I own a seven-bedroom house in Narragansett that started as our family's summer home in 1963. After the renovations I began renting it to students, the house was never considered a problemed rental. It now sits vacant and students who could have rented are taking up two smaller homes due to no more than 3 unrelated ordinance. My home is part of the 1200 vacant bedrooms in Narragansett that resulted from the ordinance. Correcting the 3 "unrelated" ordinance will also open the rentals back up for summer groups that may not be families. Llimiting tourists as well.

I am a RI native, URI graduate (1985) I lived down the line when I attended the University. I have been renting to students in Narragansett since 2008 when my son attended URI. The irony of the ordinance is that there isn't any correlation between problems /disturbances and the size of the houses. The landlord group, Narragansett 2100, of which I am a founding member, analyze these numbers weekly and over the past 6 years. Zero correlation between large homes and small homes as far as more or fewer disturbances. The current Town Council is trying to reinvent Narragansett to meet the needs of the elite few, drive out students and drive out tourists. This bill will return Narragansett to its original state and supply needed housing to URI students at a reasonable cost per bedroom.

Bill H7382 is a good bill. It will help students, parents of the students, young families, young workers, anyone who currently rents and tax paying property owners.

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