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As the parent of a URI student, I experienced first hand the difficulty my daughter had in finding off campus housing in the Spring of 2023. URI just does not have enough housing for its student population and off campus housing options can be very costly for families to afford.

This bill will reduce the current limits on renting in cities and towns across the State of Rhode Island and will have a positive effect on the housing crisis we are now seeing. It will also provide badly needed housing for students at URI.

As a long time resident of Woonsocket, I have seen the costs of local rents go through the roof. I don't know how young people can afford to live on their own. My URI student works very hard to save her money just to pay rent as well as utilities and groceries. She is currently in a 3 bedroom house in the town of South Kingstown. I know that the girls had a lot of difficulty in finding housing for just 3 students and they basically had to settle on the first place they found as they were in a time crunch to find a place to live.

As the parent of high school senior as well, URI is not even being considered since he "does not want to stress about living off campus".

Please support this bill to make housing more affordable to all here in RI.

Respectfully,
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