

I am writing today to encourage you to 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 current student at URI who is leasing a home at 40 Harbour Island Road, Narragansett, it will be important for the next 2 years for myself and my family, as well as all future URI families, that the surrounding townships allow for URI students like myself to live together with 3 or more students in houses that offer the number bedrooms to accommodate the number of students. The surrounding areas profit from us as students as we are part of the community - we frequent local businesses like coffee shops, grocery stores and local businesses, including restaurants. Without the students, these businesses would only be seasonal. The majority of students, like myself, are well intended adults who should not be blocked from contributing community members due to a few bad apples. Those student can be dealt with by other means and ordinances. However, in order to afford living off campus, I need affordable housing, which means splitting rent and utilities by the number of bedrooms in a house. I choose to live off campus because I want to be independent, have a car and work in the community.

I have been coming to Narragansett since I was a baby, and is why URI felt like my home away from home when I made my college choice. I have full intentions of staying in RI upon graduation and being a positive part of the RI community I join. As an entrepreneurship major, I plan to open my own business, and plan for the Narragansett area to be where I locate it.

Please show your support of this bill and the URI community at large. URI has given back to the state in many ways, it is now time for the state to stand up for its own flagship students, and embrace all of your constituents, esp. those of us who will be the future of this state.

Thank you,  
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Sent from my iPhone