

To Our Leaders,

We built our 5 bedroom family home in 1999 we knew before we built in Narragansett that was a college town and tourist town we were well aware and there was 5 rental properties directly near our home we had no problems we spoke to the students when they moved in and we all worked together summer rentals were no problem either we had plenty of neighbor that rented their property then remodeled them and now retired there and we want the same property rights .. unfortunately my ex-husband who was a builder passed away (2017) from cancer and put our family in a financial situation were we all forced to move and rent out family home that we built together to save the house.. My boys at time (20 and 24) took care of their Dad during his end of life it was brutal on them .. after their Dad passed and he left us with bad financial citation so we were forced to rent to keep the family home that their Dad and me built The town of Narragansett made me do upgrades saying we never got a final CO for our finished basement and addition we added when my mother n law moved in 14 years earlier (I know we got a finally co but 14 years later I couldn't find it) so I was forced to do extra work and add a driveway large enough for 5 bedroom (1 car per bedroom I put 6 total just in case someone had a guest stay here or there) I didn't want any trouble got everything done the Town required and was allowed to rent all 5 of my bedrooms to students and summer I am registered with short term rental with state and town I'm very involved with my property I have 5 star VRBO rating and live 30 minutes away at my BF home in Hopkinton RI I only own 1 home (Narragansett family home we are trying so hard to keep) I was forced to rent my legal 5 bedroom rental property like all my neighbors did for years.. My neighbors have my number if there was ever a problem they can call me plus I have a few neighbors directly watching over my property and there's been no problems.. I was originally allowed to rent all 5 bedrooms (legal 5 bedroom in town records they gave me the permit for) then I could only it rent 4 bedrooms now they want 3 bedrooms for students this has only forced the prices up on the students and afforded housing unfortunately I have now a 615k mortgage and it's harder having a 5 bedroom The Town of Narragansett gave permits to larger homes now they are trying to take them away it's not fair ! We paid for permits and pay tax for the larger homes plus now all the extra taxes for renting short term and all new fees they are trying to add plus I need to cover the mortgage unfortunately that will be put on students .. Family's affordability is getting worse in Narragansett.. I'm choking with these restrictions and new fees they are trying to add to short term rental regulations went from \$60 to \$120 and now they are talking over \$700 if you don't live in Narragansett I live 30 minutes away work 30 minutes away in Warwick I live and work in the state and will be forced to pay more really ? I will have no choice but bring up the prices just trying to keep our family home has been very challenging please stop this craziness Narragansett was always a tourist and URI student rental town now it's forcing rental prices up .. Narragansett never made the 10 percent affordable housing as far as I remember they were at 3 percent until state put pressure on them so they added and over 65 condo to purchase low income on Clarke Road but families couldn't buy .. just retirees so many families were forced out .. Now students and tourist? Narragansett claims they want affordable housing but they don't and it's so sad they ran families and businesses out of town .. I am begging you please don't allow them to ruin Narragansett as we knew it we all know Its the top tourist areas in the state and the money it brings in to our beautiful state and town ! Small business is hard enough in our state as I know being self employed and now the town is running them out with limited summer rentals and student rentals now parking limits they don't even want our own taxpayers in The Ocean State to visit please help Narragansett be like it use to be if you see Narragansett towns own nuisance reports it's only approved over the years dramatically there's really no issues and if so very few can be handled better then punishment to all Thank you and appreciate all your time ,Michelle Cotroneo