

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 co-signer of a lease for my daughter, a sophomore at URI, it will be important for the next 2 years for our family, as well as all future URI families, that the surrounding townships allow for URI students 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 the students being part of them, as URI brings an enormous amount of money into the community, keeping local businesses and restaurants filled with both customers and staff year round, vs. the seasonal businesses that many would be. The majority of the students who are well intended adults 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.

As a well-versed summer renter whose family has enjoyed the Narragansett area for the last 25 years, this community is why my daughter chose URI over our own in-state university. My daughter is a positive part of her community of Narragansett, which she plans to call her home long after she graduates from URI.

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 who will be the future of this state.

Thank you,
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