

Dear Rhode Island Legislature,

I am the homeowner of the house located at 14 Larch Ave in Narragansett, RI. My daughter is a proud University of Rhode Island (URI) student graduate with a doctorate degree in Physical Therapy from URI.

I **strongly 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. The town of Narragansett would rather have 1,200 empty bedrooms than providing affordable student housing.

Over the past 3 to 4 years as the "Town Council Board in Narragansett" has added restrictions for 4 unrelated students, followed by further restrictions of 3 unrelated students, the availability of rental housing for URI students has decreased dramatically. As a result, the cost for a URI student to rent housing in Narragansett has skyrocketed by 50% to 60% during that time period. This makes housing unaffordable for many students and their families. This also greatly diminishes the attraction of URI as a viable option for many students who would love the opportunity to study and obtain their degree at URI but, it is just becoming simply unaffordable.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important matter.

Kind Regards,

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