

Hello,

This bill will reduce the current limits on renting in cities and towns across the state and will have a positive effect on the housing crisis in Rhode Island. It will also provide badly needed housing for URI students.

My name is Paulina Kochanczyk and a group of four of my friends were looking for a home next year and due to this new ordinance, it was extremely difficult for us to get a house together and we ended up getting split into two different houses of 2. We are now at a financial burden because our utilities and rent are way over our budget because we could not get a home together and we are risking not being able to pay our semesters to term at the houses. It has caused a lot of stress in our friendship because we did not know what to do and has also caused a concern with our families because of the extremely high rent and utilities that we have to pay now. The ordinance never made sense to us because it rarely causes any issues if a group of 4 or 5 is living together and we are all college kids living off of a budget. This only puts us in more of a financial burden and will even make it hard to afford groceries next year.

Thank you,

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