

To Whom it may concern:

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. In fact, my wife and I are both URI graduates that lived "down the line" in Narragansett some 35 years ago. The Town Council's current desire to restrict landlords and push students out is a slap in the face to good landlords and tenants alike.

In 2013 my wife and I purchased a rental property in Bonnet Shores. We did so with the purpose of renovating it and renting it to URI students which we did for a few years.

The town building inspector made us increase the size of the driveway for five vehicles to match the number of bedrooms and upgrade windows for emergency access to two lower-level bedrooms that we added. The building inspector also made us purchase upgraded hurricane windows for the two added bedrooms even though none of the other windows in the house are hurricane rated. His rationale for forcing the upgrade was that "he didn't care how much extra this upgrade cost us because he knew how much rent could be charged". I could have done without the attitude then and I can do without the overly burdensome restrictions imposed by an overreaching Town government now.

Currently we are not renting the house to students because we are restricted to three unrelated students in a five-bedroom house. Instead, we've invited our daughter to live there with her husband and our three grandchildren. While it is wonderful having them so close, at some point in the future we will want to have this second home produce some income for our retirement. For this reason, please pass bill H7382.

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