

I am writing to inform you that 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.

URI does not have enough on campus housing for its more than 17,000 students and as a parent of a URI student, finding housing has been a huge challenge for my son and me, both from a financial standpoint and available inventory. At a time when students should be spending their time on their academics, instead, they're spending hours and hours trying to locate housing for the upcoming academic year.

The town ordinances limiting the number of students that can rent a home has significantly limited the availability of housing for URI students. This does not bode well for URI, it's current student body, and future generations of URI students.

I implore you to pass Housing Bill H7382 to make much needed housing for URI students more accessible and affordable.

My son chose URI as his University of choice. If sufficient and affordable housing is unavailable, we will have no choice but to pursue his education at a University that has ample On and Off Campus housing and has a more accepting Community.

Thank you for your support.

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