

I strongly oppose this bill **H8182** which allows cities and towns to restrict and destroy the state's short term rental market through aggressive permitting and licensing, excessive fees, inspections and burdensome reporting requirements.

This bill would damage both local and state economies, destroying small businesses and their employees who depend on these renters. This bill will also have a major impact on tourism, small businesses that support the rental economy and all the trades people that support the rental businesses. The negative impact to RI Tourism will be significant.

The passage of this bill will allow cities and towns to use the tools allowed in this bill to determine who can and can't live and visit their town. It is an attack on owner property rights as well.

Sincerely,

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