

Good Afternoon- I am writing today to strongly oppose 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.

Rhode Island has long been a destination for visitors from around the world looking to experience the Ocean State and everything we have to offer. This bill, if passed, would damage both local and state economies, destroying small businesses and their employees who depend on these renters. 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

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