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. 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.

The town of Narragansett where I also own property has done nothing but continue to harass property owners in efforts to get them to sell of their family homes. Given the fact the state depends on tourism dollars to keep our taxes down, this seems like a really bad idea.

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