

I've been a property owner for decades. Of the states I've lived in RI is the worst, in terms of being anti landlord. The policies enacted by legislators does nothing to benefit renters. It has the impact of making the rental property business far less attractive. Our recent investments in rental properties have been in florida, instead of rhode island, because florida isa a very business and landlord friendly state. Tenants have far more choice and rights come from having options and choice.

Rhode Island's draconian anti rental unit practices lead directly to less investment in rental properties and less availability for renters. Why do you suppose we have a rental shortage? It's a direct result of bad policy and bad legislation.

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.

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