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OF HOUSING PROVIDERS**

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To Honorable Chair Carol McEntee
Chair, House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903
VIA Email: HouseJudiciary@RIlegislature.gov

RE: Letter in OPPOSITION to House Bill 7764

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of the Rhode Island Coalition of Housing Providers (RICOHP), we are writing to express our opposition to H7764 which prohibits algorithmic software in suggesting rental prices. While we believe the intention of this bill is noble in preventing price-fixing, that is not what this proposal actually targets.

In today's society, algorithms and artificial intelligence are a part of almost any internet experience and that includes software and websites used for the purpose of property management and/or advertising available rental property. The existence of algorithms in such a program does not automatically equate to price fixing. While there is valid concern that programs like RealPage may have coerced property owners into using their suggested pricing to remain subscribers, that is not the case with many common property management and advertising tools which could potentially match the description of the programs in this proposal.

The legislature should be cautious regarding penalizing activities that would be considered a natural part of marketing and providing housing and instead focus enforcement efforts on truly nefarious activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shannon Elizabeth Weinstein".

Shannon Elizabeth Weinstein
On Behalf of The RI Coalition of Housing Providers
