



March 18, 2026

The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee
Chair, House Judiciary Committee, Rhode Island House of Representatives
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: SUPPORT for H7765 – Increase Time Of Notice

Dear Chair McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

We are writing to express our support for H7765, which increases the amount of notice landlords are required to give about rent increases or tenancy terminations to month to month tenants. This bill is one of a set of critical tenant protections being heard this session.

We know how deep the housing crisis runs. Nearly half of Rhode Island renters spend over 30% of their income on rent, and of those, roughly half pay over half of their income on rent. Homelessness in the state skyrocketed by 35% in a single year. Rhode Island tenants are at the mercy of landlords who have the right to evict them or raise their rent by hundreds of dollars with hardly any notice. With no alternatives, many month to month tenants facing these unexpected changes are forced to leave their homes and attempt to find new housing. Some may suddenly find themselves and their families unhoused.

H7765 helps to even out the balance of power between tenants and their landlords. It proposes a modest, reasonable adjustment that gives tenants more time to plan and adjust in the face of rent increases or termination of tenancy. This time is valuable to the most rent burdened among your constituents, who may already be stretched to their limit.

We urge you to stand with tenants and pass this bill without delay.

Sincerely,
Reclaim RI